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PREFACE.

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PREFACE.

THIS volume contains the remainder of the MS. Elizabeth Vol. IV., of the Council Office series, the first 354 pages of which were reproduced in the last volume of the present issue. The characteristics of the MS. having been already sufficiently described in the preface to that volume there is now no need for further remarks on this subject, except to note that a leaf has been torn out after p. 713, and that the pagination, which is obviously of later date, is otherwise inaccurate. As has before been mentioned, an incomplete index has been bound up with the MS., the handwriting of which resembles that of Ralph Starkey, who died, according to D'Ewes, in 1628, whose extracts from the Council Register, contained in Volume 352 of the Harleian MSS. in the British Museum, are embodied in Vol. II. of this Series (see Preface to Vol. II.). The 466 pages, as numbered in the MS., now published are of the same character as those contained in Vol. X., the handwriting of some of the entries being, as before, nearly illegible, whilst we note that suspicions as to the honesty of the Messengers still led some of the Clerks of the Council to keep a record in the margin of the MS. of the names of the officers entrusted with their letters and the dates of their departure and return (*passim*), the Messengers detected in fraudulent practices being punished by imprisonment and the Pillory (pp. 55, 181). This record must have been very necessary, as we now find for the first time that there were no less than four Clerks, Edmund Tremaine, Henry Cheek, Robert Beale and Thomas Wilkes (p. 5), each with his regular periods of "waiting," and it might well happen that the Clerk on duty would without such a record have no information as to the staff at his disposal, and the movements of the Messengers despatched into the country by the officer whom he relieved. That the Office was kept open even on days when the Privy Council did not sit is again evident from the record of "appearances" in fulfilment of recognisances or in obedience to letters of summons, the entries also showing

that in such cases something was left to the discretion of the Clerks with regard to the obligation of continued attendance (*passim*); several entries relate to the provision of flowers, inkstands, cushions and stationery for the Council Chamber (pp. 172, 341), the death of Robert Langham, the Keeper of the Council Chamber, is noted (p. 445), and the constant mention of documents "remaining in the Council Chest" gives much cause to regret that the MS. volumes of the Council Register are now the only documents of that period remaining in the custody of the Office.

The only change in the constitution of the Council during the period covered by this volume was consequent on the death of the Lord Keeper, Sir Nicholas Bacon, on the 20th February, 1578–79, alluded to in the Register on March 6 (p. 64). In his place Thomas Bromley, the Solicitor-General, was sworn of the Privy Council on the 11th March, 1578–79 (p. 68), and took his seat the same day, and on the 26th April, 1579, he was with some formality made Lord Chancellor and received the Great Seal (p. 110), after which he was a regular attendant. The rate of attendance of the other members is much the same as in the last volume. Lord Arundel attends twice only, Lord Bedford thirty-six, and Sir R. Sadler six times. Sir W. Mildmay's attendances are also unfrequent, his name occurring most commonly when the Council sat at the Star Chamber. Sir Henry Sidney attended frequently till towards the end of the volume, when he went to his seat of government in Wales (p. 385.) Lord Hunsdon was a very constant attendant, apparently to the neglect of his duties at Berwick, where, however, Sir George Bowes was appointed to act as Governor in his absence (p. 226). In succession to Bromley, John Popham was appointed Solicitor-General on 26 June, 1579, the first mention of him in the Minutes being, however, on the 2nd December (p. 325). Sir Roger Manwood succeeded Bell, a victim of the Black Assize at Oxford, as Lord Chief Baron on 17 November, 1578, and is first mentioned as such in the Records of the Privy Council on 22 January, 1578–79 (p. 24). The other officers remain as in the last volume.

There are not so many omissions to record the attendances in this volume as in the last, but the omission of the place of meeting is very frequent, though the context often leaves little doubt as to the place, even when it is not given.

The last months of Sidney's rule in Ireland had been disturbed by rumours of Stukeley's "practices" and the knowledge of his avowed intention of invading Ireland with a body of Italian mercenaries supported by the contributions of the Papal See. That danger happily passed away when the "Duke of Ireland" and his swordsmen died with King Sebastian on the field of Alcazar, but in 1579 a more serious cause for apprehension disturbed the Government, as the fugitive Geraldine, James Fitzmaurice, who had for several years led a vagrant life between the Courts of Paris, Rome and Madrid, at length succeeded, in spite of Philip's coldness, in equipping at Ferrol a squadron in which were enrolled, among others, the few survivors of Stukeley's force, and set sail for Ireland accompanied by Nicholas Sanders as the Pope's Legate. Sir William Drury, the President of Munster, was now Lord Justice (p. 10), with Sir N. Malby, who with other Irish officers was for a short time in England on private business (p. 104), as his Lieutenant at Athlone to watch Connaught, the Government of the Pale being in the hands of W. Gerard, the Lord Chancellor, and Adam Loftus, the Archbishop of Dublin (p. 225). That Desmond was nominally a loyal subject, though disinclined to pay his just debts (p. 93), may be seen by the entries in the Register referring to his demand for the surrender of Castlemaine, which was refused, "whereby is not meant any suspicion of his fidelity," and by a grant of Abbey lands in Kerry promised to him as a compensation, steps being taken as late as the end of July, 1579, to prevent his being disappointed in this respect, the letter making this offer also expressing the Council's "good liking conceived of the lady, his wife, who deserveth great praise in advising her husband to the course which shall be both honorable and profitable for him" (pp. 10, 204). It must, however, be remembered that Desmond was perhaps somewhat jealous of his cousin James Fitzmaurice, who was known to be coming with the Pope's commission to take the chief command of an insurrection in the heart of the Geraldines' country. Fitzpatrick of Upper Ossory was, as usual, loyal, and receives a belated letter of thanks for his services of the year before against the rebel Irishry (p. 21); and even Clanricarde, who had been brought over to England in the custody of Hercules Rainsford, Constable of Dublin Castle, was, in spite of the recent destruction of Athenry, released on giving security not

to go more than three miles from London and a promise to write to his sons to secure their submission (pp. 56, 87, 160, 163). That there was no present suspicion of Lord Kildare's loyalty may be inferred from the mention of his son's exploits in London, where the uncontrolled extravagance of his spirits led him into breaches of the peace, which on one occasion ended in his imprisonment in the Fleet, to be released afterwards on bail found for him by Lord Chandos and his uncle, "Mr. Edward Garrett, Lieutenant of her Majesty's Gentlemen Pensioners" (pp. 115, 213), whilst Patrick Fitzmaurice, "the Baron of Lixnaw's son in the Realm of Ireland," received an order for posthorses on his return from London to Kerry (p. 206). As early as the end of April the intelligence as to James Fitzmaurice's preparations which had been gleaned by Drury's spies was conveyed to the Council (p. 112), but the only man-of-war available for service on the Irish coast seems then to have been the Handmaid, commanded by Captain Thornton, and even this single vessel was not properly equipped (pp. 90, 120). By the 28th of July the Council had received by the hands of Nicholas Wise, a well-known name in connection with Ireland, news from the Mayor of Waterford that Fitzmaurice had landed at Dingle (p. 214), and prompt measures were at once taken, a service of posts was organised from London to Hilbre at the mouth of the Dee and to Exeter, a boat was laid on between Holyhead and Dublin (p. 227), the mayor of Bristol was instructed to send a supply of gunpowder and lead to Waterford, a sum of five thousand pounds was set aside for the service of Ireland, stores of provisions were ordered to be collected at Bristol and Barnstable, and the levies were called out in all the Western counties, whilst letters of thanks for the past and encouragement for the future were sent to Desmond and Kildare (pp. 209, 210, 219). The Handmaid being obviously insufficient under the present circumstances, Sir John Perrott was summoned to take charge of a squadron, several naval officers were warned for service (pp. 212, 223, 224), an embargo was laid upon shipping at Chester and Liverpool to provide transport for the troops (pp. 223, 224), and certain notorious French pirates were engaged to act as pilots for the Irish coast (p. 227); a portion of the garrison of Berwick was detailed for Ireland by way of Workington and Ravenglass, though the difficulties of the cross country roads resulted in the cavalry sailing from

Liverpool (pp. 224, 228, 235), Sir H. Sidney was ordered to get a thousand men ready in Wales, and the City of London to provide four hundred well-equipped men for Perrott's squadron (pp. 220, 225). As Sir W. Drury's health was known to be precarious (he died in October), William Pelham, the Lieutenant of the Ordnance, was sent over to assist the Archbishop and Chancellor, and to supply the military experience necessary for the defence of the country (p. 225); Sir H. Wallop, the Irish Treasurer, was informed that ten thousand pounds had been placed to his credit, and that a large proportion of this money was to be sent direct to Waterford to supply the immediate necessities of the Lord Justice, arrangements being made that for the convenience of carriage the silver money should be changed for gold (pp. 226, 229, 235, 237). A surgeon was engaged to look after the sick and wounded (p. 234), offers of service were accepted from volunteers (pp. 230, 237, 244), the Western gentlemen not being slow to come forward (pp. 239, 240), and we soon find Sir Humphrey Gilbert back again in Ireland, who with his half-brother Walter Raleigh had been filling up spare time in fitting out a privateering squadron which took prizes in the Channel and had only desisted from a longer flight in consequence of the interference of the Council (pp. 109, 142, 143, 319), though other Adventurers received a licence in the following month for "a voyage to the seas for the discovering of certain strange islands and foreign countries" (p. 120). Perrott's instructions were to convoy the much needed supplies and treasure to Cork or Waterford (pp. 245, 248), where no doubt it was not possible, as in Dublin, to raise money by means of loans (pp. 241, 243, 270), and the indefatigable Bashe was directed to take the necessary steps to provide for the future provisioning of the squadron (pp. 250, 252, 253). By the end of August, however, the hot fit was over for the time; it became known in England that Fitzmaurice had brought but few followers with him, and orders were sent to dismiss nearly all the levies, the Berwick soldiers alone being ordered to continue their journey (pp. 254, 255), and even the sailing of Perrott's squadron was for the moment suspended, though he again received sailing orders in less than a week (p. 256). On September 6 the Council received the welcome intelligence that James Fitzmaurice had been killed by the Burkes in a paltry skirmish, and letters of thanks were written to Sir William Burke and Lord Kildare amongst others,

the Lord Justice being also specially directed to "shew the said Earl all such pleasure and friendship as lawfully and conveniently he may," and so convinced was the Government that all danger was over that the President of the North was told that the Northern Horse would not be required (p. 257). This premature complacency, however, was to last but a few days, as the news of the death of Fitzmaurice was instantly followed by that of the treacherous murder of Henry Davells, a veteran member of the English garrison, who had been sent to ascertain whether the Government might still depend upon the loyalty of Lord Desmond, and on his return was foully slaughtered in his bed at Tralee by the Earl's two brothers, John and James Fitzgerald. The unpardonable nature of the crime and the opportunity of taking his natural position as leader of the Geraldines, now that Fitzmaurice was removed, induced the Earl to abandon the flimsy mask of loyalty which he had hitherto worn, possibly in consequence of the influence of his wife, who was a Butler, and to take the field against the English as the leader of an insurrection which was to result in the devastation of Munster and the practical extinction of the power of the Southern branch of the Geraldines.

Frequent entries now appear in the Register relating to the raising of levies in Wales and the South and West of England, and to the provision of transport and victuals both for them and the squadron (*passim*), though Elizabeth's well-known parsimony with regard to supplies soon compelled Sir John Perrott to return to England (p. 273), the stores intended for him being sent over to Waterford for the use of the Foresight and the Achates, which were left on duty there (p. 283); a troop of Northern Horse was raised and the services of tried soldiers like Sir W. Morgan and William Norris were retained, the former being made Constable of Dungarvan Castle and allowed to take his pick of the recruits, whilst to Norris was assigned the leadership of the horsemen which were appointed to sail from Liverpool (pp. 264, 280, 281, 296). A Committee of Council was constituted to deal with Irish matters, the members of which were Lord Burghley, Lord Lincoln, Lord Sussex, Lord Leicester, Sir James Croftes and Dr. Wilson, Sir H. Sidney's name not being included, possibly on account of his health or because his presence would shortly be required in Wales (pp. 313, 385). The Earl of Ormonde, the head of the great house

of the Butlers, whose thin veneer of English manners and civilisation kept them always in constant antagonism to the Geraldines, who had become *Hibernis ipsis hiberniores*, had already been hastily sent from London to Ireland (p. 238), and by the beginning of November we find him as "Governor in Munster and General of the Army there," but he soon complained that the forces at his disposal were much below their nominal strength, and appealed to the Council for reinforcements (p. 311). Money, however, was not easily extracted from the Queen, and from the ten thousand pounds which had been allotted for the service of Ireland many deductions had been made. Sir H. Wallop, the Irish Treasurer, had paid back more than one thousand pounds of the fund entrusted to him to defray expenditure incurred in England (p. 235), and frequent mention is made of smaller sums paid away in England out of the money which was intended for the Irish service (pp. 269, 275, 278, 282, 293, 324), even the expenses of victualling, paying off and laying up Perrott's squadron after its return being charged against this fund (pp. 302, 303, 304, 305, 324). Money was the more needed because the Government had decided that the operations in Munster were to be continued throughout the winter, and took the opportunity in writing letters of thanks to the Corporations of Dublin and Drogheda (pp. 317, 318) to recommend that ample stores of grain should be kept up in those cities, and put in charge of some responsible person (p. 337). Letters of thanks were also sent to the Gentlemen of the Pale, and the Earl of Kildare, the head of the Northern branch of the Geraldines, received from the Council the confirmation of his appointment of Vice-Admiral of Ireland (pp. 318, 328), as it was above all things essential to secure the loyalty of the Irish landholders, who, though generally suspicious of James Fitzmaurice, were more likely to be attracted to the standard of Desmond, whilst those Irish gentlemen in Munster who were still well affected to the English were often sufferers in the course of the merciless devastation of the country which was adopted as the policy of the Government, as we see by the complaints of Sir Owen O'Sullivan against Sir Humphrey Gilbert (pp. 314, 319).

Before the end of November Desmond had marched across Ireland and destroyed the town of Youghal, which was sacked with every atrocity usual in Irish warfare (p. 332), and the

fate of Youghal alarmed the city of Cork, which consented to receive payment for its unsettled claims against the Government in the shape of powder and guns for its defence (p. 333), but otherwise it received but little substantial encouragement from the Council, which could only express a hope that "by the help of Almighty God and the diligence of the Earl of Ormond" the rebels would "ere it be long receive the reward due to all traitors" (p. 332).

The remaining entries as to the insurrection in Ireland relate to the despatch of Sir William Winter to take charge of the squadron there (pp. 375, 416, 419), to the transport of treasure, troops, victuals and despatches (pp. 337, 340, 362, 376, 382, 433, 454), Pelham and Ormonde being apparently left to conduct the winter campaign according to their discretion, but a brief entry records the death of William Norris very shortly after his arrival in Ireland at the head of the cavalry (p. 426). Two entries refer to an uncompleted purchase of land in Lincolnshire entered into by Pelham, and to the care taken by the Council that his interests should not suffer in his absence, the intending vendor, Silvester Bellew, being summoned by the Council for attempting to recover possession of the land, and commanded not to leave London without licence from their Lordships (pp. 422, 454).

Some glimpses are afforded as to the ordinary conditions of life in Ireland by the entries relating to the system of Dispensations in force in the Irish Church, some of which were abolished, though many more were retained, each with a table of fees payable to the Crown, the Lord Chancellor and the Ecclesiastical authorities great and small (pp. 16–20), the scale having been apparently revised after an enquiry held by Special Commissioners appointed for the purpose (pp. 56, 58). The Dean of Limerick appears as a fraudulent trustee, and her Majesty wonders not a little at the "slow justice done in that Realm" (p. 363). Nicholas White, the Irish Master of the Rolls, was for a time suspended in consequence of an information laid against him by the Irish Attorney-General for certain irregularities in the discharge of his official duties (p. 119), but was soon restored to favour, as shortly afterwards the Council recommended the Irish Government to make him some allowance in that for three years "from the death of Dr. Weston, until the coming of the Lord Chancellor that now

is, he supplied the place of Chancellor in hearing and determining of causes in the Chancery without fee or allowance" (p. 197), though a claim made by the Archbishop of Dublin for a fee of 10*s.* a day for keeping the Great Seal during the temporary absence of the Chancellor was refused on the ground that he was "otherwise well provided for in that Realm" (pp. 70, 408). The Chancellor's own salary was, we know, so small that the Deanery of St. Patrick's was attached to his office, and he was possibly somewhat interested in a case in which another member of the White family complained that the clergy of St. Patrick's were depriving him of the profits of certain cornlands in various parts of Leinster called St. Patrick's Ridges, of which he had obtained a lease for his life (p. 199). Several other entries relate to appointments on the Irish Establishment; Ludovic Brisket is to be confirmed in the office of Clerk of the Council and returns to Ireland at the expense of the Government (pp. 377, 378); Robert Garvey, who had been commissioned to enquire into Irish Ecclesiastical Dispensations, is rewarded by being made a Master in Chancery (p. 318), and Nicholas Wise is given facilities for the apprehension of certain debtors who had fled from Newry to England (p. 199). Disputes as to the ownership of land in Ireland were not uncommon, as may be supposed, and those who obtained the ear of the Council easily secured letters of commendation to the Irish Government (pp. 72, 318, 424, 454), in some cases the lands in dispute being secularised Church property (pp. 385, 412), whilst the mention of an imperfect surrender to the Crown of the country of the Kavanaghs is one instance of the many attempts of the English Government to supersede the tribal ownership of property prevalent in Ireland by a system of land tenure more consonant with English usage and convenience (p. 434).

The relations between England and Scotland seem to have been most friendly during this period, the majority of the entries referring to compensation paid to Scots for the depredations of English pirates on their shipping, these payments being generally made through the accredited Agent, Adam Fullerton (pp. 3, 47, 90, 107, 141, 174, 192, 220, 257, 258), even the claims of such great men as the Earl of Surrey and Lord Buckhurst being waived in favour of Scottish merchants (p. 246); the sale of English horses to the Scottish moss troopers was however strictly forbidden (p. 131) and the Wardens of the Marches

were instructed to co-operate with their Northern colleagues in order to secure the punishment of malefactors and to hand over "notorious offendours" to the Scottish authorities "in respect of the like delivery already made by them" (pp. 5, 45, 425, 453). That the intercourse between France and Scotland still continued is evident by entries relating to passports readily granted to Scots to pass through England on their journey between France and Scotland (pp. 278, 281), and as during the marriage negotiations it was essential to maintain a friendly understanding with the French Court, the Duke of Anjou paying a visit to the English Court in 1579 as a recognised suitor for Elizabeth's hand, the claims of French subjects received benevolent consideration, and where actual restitution of the prize was impossible a ship belonging to the captor was sometimes handed over as compensation (pp. 36, 105, 259), as in the case of a Southampton merchant named William Nutshaw, who seems, with many others, to have combined piratical practices with legitimate trade, whilst his own claims against the French for similar depredations were so heavy that his creditors were enjoined not to demand payment of their just debts until time had been given for the French Court to come to a decision in the matter (pp. 171, 427). Ordinary cases of piracy were considered by the Admiralty Court (pp. 263, 285), and justice sometimes roughly satisfied by the detention of an unoffending French ship in British ports (p. 342), but similar cases in Ireland were referred to the Irish authorities, who were even empowered to levy a tax on all French ships arriving in Irish ports in order to satisfy the claims of certain merchants of Waterford, which was itself the haunt of pirates (pp. 217, 410, 435); Sir Henry Cobham, the English Ambassador in Paris, made many representations to the French Court as to the countenance given to pirates in the Seine by those in authority (p. 347) and the evident collusion between the Spanish officer commanding at Gravelines and the Governor of Calais in the matter of prizes taken from English subjects, and to state plainly that "her Majesty doth not a little mislike of the hard dealings" of the French officer, and to require him, if only for 'neighbourhood's sake,' to make restitution, "or else her Majesty in so manifest an injustice and refusal shall be forced to seek some other remedy against him and that town" (pp. 343, 405), whilst one entry shows that the French *Droit d'Aubaine*, or Right of Escheat,

might be so used as to press very hardly on English traders, whose property was liable to seizure on the death of their representatives in France (p. 371). To Spain also the utmost deference was shown, as if the English Government was determined to give no cause of offence in the Old World at least, and though the Council Register is discreetly silent concerning Drake's intention to penetrate into the Pacific, now well known to all the world since John Winter returned ingloriously, if not shamefully, from the Horn in the summer of 1579, showing great reluctance to appear before the Council after his return (pp. 283, 287, 293, 375), all Spanish complaints of piracy nearer home received instant attention, many entries relating to the restoration of Spanish ships and goods (pp. 76, 202, 261, 285, 351, 377), amongst which we note a cargo of oranges and lemons said to have been captured by Sir Humphrey Gilbert's men in the West and sold in Norfolk (pp. 151, 186). Shipmasters who ventured, perhaps in retaliation for cruelties committed by order of the Inquisition on British seamen, to kidnap Spaniards, "subjects and officers of the King of Spain, coming for the said King's service from the shore to view the said ship and merchandise," were sent to prison without bail (p. 207); even Dutch prizes taken by the Governor of Gravelines and brought into British harbours were restored to the captors after the property of merchants resident in England had been given up, though the expenses of the process must have left but little profit to the rightful owner (pp. 358, 410, 428); and the crew of a cruiser sailing under the commission of the same officer which was wrecked upon the Norfolk coast was set at liberty (p. 433), but though deference to Spain led the Council to permit Mendoza to export the materials for a "sugar house" (p. 437), the Spanish Agent, Anthony Guerras, who had been mixed up with so many treasonable conspiracies, was at length compelled to leave the country after a long detention in the Tower, opportunity being given him to set his affairs in order with his brother's assistance before his departure, a dispute as to the lease of the house which he held from the Drapers' Company being referred to arbitration (pp. 122, 127, 155).

Sincerely anxious, however, as the Council was to consider Spanish susceptibilities at home, it is evident that after the middle of the year 1579 the Government had realised that the repeated expeditions directed against Ireland could scarcely have been projected without Philip's connivance, though open

encouragement had as yet been refused, and that it was necessary that England should be in a position to protect herself against an actual invasion of her shores backed by all the power of Spain. Although as a rule the care of the Beacons on the coast was left to the discretion of the Lieutenants of the counties (pp. 271, 311, 449), orders were sent to Lord Bedford and the Captain of the Isle of Wight to see that the Beacons in the West and in the Wight were duly "watched," and due precautions taken for the defence of Portsmouth and Plymouth (pp. 288, 298, 311); the plans of the works at Portsmouth, which town had suffered much from fire and from the encroachments of the sea (p. 134), being sent up for consideration (pp. 375, 414), arrangements were made for supplying the ships at Chatham with crews on a sudden emergency (p. 366), whilst it was no doubt with some satisfaction that the Council directed her Majesty's thanks to be conveyed to "the country generally for their forwardness and diligence, although it were needless," when the accidental or malicious firing of the Beacon on Portsea Down summoned the neighbourhood to the defence of Portsmouth (p. 354). A General Restraint or Embargo was laid upon all ships and mariners, though the necessities of the traders led to many relaxations of the rule, especially in the case of ships fitted out for the Baltic trade, the Northern fisheries and the wine trade, the Lord Admiral being empowered to grant licences with the consent of the Council (pp. 390, 395, 396, 403, 406, 407, 414. 416, 418, 419, 423, 429, 430, 436, 449, 451), the number of entries on this subject showing the extent of the interests affected by a measure under which licences were required even for the coasting trade and for Ireland (pp. 400, 401). Orders were sent out to impress 1,350 seamen in the maritime counties (p. 394), the forts and castles on the coast were to be put in order (p. 381), General Musters were ordered in all counties under Special Commissioners (pp. 390, 422, 446–448, 450), care being taken not to infringe the liberties of the University towns (p. 543), whilst the Lieutenant of the Tower received special authority to join with the other Commissioners for the Musters in the Tower Hamlets (p. 435). As the stock of gunpowder had been allowed to get low the restrictions on commercial intercourse with Hamburg, in consequence of certain difficulties pending with the Hanse Towns, were now partially removed, and Henry Dale and others were licenced to

send two ships "for the bringing of powder thence for the necessary furniture and service of the Realm" (pp. 246, 249, 404).

At home the insidious attacks of the Jesuits, or "Mass Priests," gave the Council much trouble, especially in Staffordshire, Shropshire and East Anglia (pp. 33, 57, 77, 293, 355, 357), a priest caught in Norfolk being sent up by Lord Cromwell to the Tower (p. 363); hearing Mass was, of course, an offence of which the law took cognisance (p. 48), as was the possession of Popish vestments and emblems, some of which seem to have been discovered in Lichfield Cathedral (pp. 298, 265, 345). The unhappy Francis Tregian, convicted under the Statute of Premunire, saw his property forfeited and granted to Sir George Carey, who seems even to have tried to deprive Tregian's mother of her jointure (p. 231); an informer gave notice that Tregian intended to escape abroad and received a reward for his information (p. 189), and this unsuccessful attempt led to his being put in irons and treated with such severity that his wife successfully appealed to the Council for some less rigorous treatment, the Sheriff of Cornwall being also instructed to allow the prisoner to receive some addition to his prison fare at the hands of his friends, who, according to the wife's story, had been afraid to assist him in consequence of the strong feeling against him in the county (p. 206). So bitter was this feeling that Tregian conceived that he was not safe in Launceston gaol, and was removed at his own request by *habeas corpus* to the Queen's Bench Prison, where again his devoted wife was allowed to visit him, being afterwards transferred to the Fleet after considerable difficulties had arisen as to the payment of the charges incurred in his removal to London (pp. 237, 241, 257, 260, 265, 274, 315, 380). Many of the Recusants mentioned in the last volume remained still obstinate and were treated with more or less rigour as to their liberty (pp. 37, 47, 60, 95, 97, 166, 175, 378, 380), Dr. Feckenham being treated with special severity as his obstinacy was supposed "to proceed of over much lenity heretofore used towards him," his own servants being no longer permitted "to deliver him his necessary food (which their Lordships wish may be no larger than may serve for his convenient sustenance)" (p. 291), but as a rule in cases of illness or danger of infection the Council willingly consented to grant some relaxation of their punishment (pp. 15, 21, 51, 162, 165, 174). The property of those who, like

Sir Francis Englefield, had left the country, was apparently confiscated, though the family charges seem, as in the case of the jointure of Tregian's mother, to have been to some extent respected in spite of the rapacity of those to whom the lands had been granted (p. 154), but it is evident that the Recusants in Lancashire, always a stronghold of the old Religion, preferred to go to prison rather than pay the statutory penalties to Nicholas Annesley, to whom they had been granted by the Queen (p. 446).

The entries relating to the Church in England do not present the Establishment to us in a very good light. Lay impropriators quarrel over the livings, and in one case an incumbent seems to have asserted his supposed rights by making a forcible entry, which was, as their Lordships were informed, "by forcible means still kept by sundry persons having unlawful weapons" (pp. 11, 87, 153, 435); the Warden and Fellows of the New College in Winchester were told that the Council "will have a regard to reform them" if they continued to neglect the duty of preaching in their Chapel (p. 408); the tenants of the Chapters of Durham and Peterborough had to appeal to the Council to protect them against the encroachments of their landlords (pp. 71, 79, 80, 84, 131), whilst the widow of the late Dean of Durham complained that she was unjustly treated by the Bishop and Chapter with regard to the property left by her late husband (p. 167); the action of Freke, the Bishop of Norwich, against one of the clergymen in his Diocese is rebuked by the Council, and as grave charges were made against the Bishop the case was referred to the Court of High Commission (pp. 286, 309), to which tribunal was also referred the case of William Darrell, Prebendary of Canterbury, accused of "certain horrible offences" (p. 315), but charges against the Bishop of Lincoln were heard and dismissed as unfounded by the Council (pp. 306, 313, 326). The Dean and Chapter of Norwich most unwisely failed to fulfil the conditions of an agreement for a lease to be granted by them to Mr. Secretary Wilson, who at once brought the matter before his colleagues (p. 351); other cases relating to Church lands came under the unfavourable notice of the Council, who censured the Bishop of London for the terms of a lease of a manor granted by him, though the lease was allowed to stand "as that cannot be undone which hath already passed his Lordship's hands" (pp. 185, 330, 335, 336, 411), and the

reports of the waste committed in the woods belonging to the See of Winchester in the time of the late Bishop led the Council to call for an enquiry as to "what timber trees have been felled in any of the lands of the Bishopric during the time of his residence there," the executors and estate of the late Bishop being apparently held responsible to make good any undue damage caused by waste (p. 438). "Lewd words" and ecclesiastical scandals in Northamptonshire were in the first instance enquired into by the Bishop of Peterborough and the county magnates (pp. 93, 132, 133), but the ultimate decision was with the Court of High Commission, to which was also referred the case of a Prebendary of Worcester who was accused of having obtained his preferment by forging the signature of the Bishop of Winchester (pp. 149, 212, 322), whilst the same tribunal dealt with the cases of the Gloucestershire conventicles (pp. 74, 77), and with the sect called the Family of Love, which was on the increase both in the East and the West (pp. 138, 386, 444, 445), but the authority of this High Court was evidently grossly abused by the Bishop of London's officers, who summoned "poor men to their great charges and hinderance, nothing at their coming being laid unto their charge, but offered to be excused for a little money" (p. 456). The Council still endeavoured to compel the observance of Lent and Fish Days, and repeatedly called upon the reluctant Civic Authorities to enforce the regulations against "killing and eating flesh" in London, "especially in common inns, taverns and victualling houses" (pp. 14, 66, 386), though no doubt the Council's orders were more cheerfully obeyed with regard to the prohibition of Plays in Lent, as the City was always hostile to the drama within its limits (p. 73). Collections are ordered in the churches of the Diocese of London for the benefit of one John Brown, "brought into great poverty by losses upon the seas" (p. 182), and similar collections were authorised throughout the Realm towards the building of a church at Denbigh (p. 389) and the extensive reparations necessary at Portsmouth, a commission of fourpence in the pound being allowed for the collection and portage of the money (pp. 134, 307). In Wales, too, the Magistrates were called upon to take the Oath of Supremacy (pp. 208, 292), and the entries relating to Fabian Phillips evidently refer to enquiries in Wales as to questions of Religion (pp. 29, 150, 190), whilst

the Queen's distrust of preachers resulted in a General Letter addressed to all the Bishops, pointing out that preaching was not the only duty of a clergyman, and that such as do attempt to "disjoin the one part of the function from the other" were to be compelled to "minister the Holy Sacraments in what place soever they receive any portion for preaching" (pp. 367, 368), though subsequently the Bishop of Norwich is instructed not to be too severe towards two preachers in that town who had "painfully travailed in their ministry during the time of the infection," a reference to the Plague which was then raging throughout East Anglia (pp. 437, 438).

Early in this Volume we note that matters connected with Frobisher's unsuccessful voyage still engaged the attention of the Council. The shareholders, one of whom was Lord Pembroke, were very slow to pay the calls made upon them to provide for the payment of the seamen and miners who served in the expedition, and the Commissioners were unable to make up the accounts (pp. 14, 16, 42). At least one action had been begun in the Lord Mayor's Court against the owner of one of the ships for wages due, and others were threatened, but the Council instructed the Lord Mayor not to allow the suit to proceed for the present, and the creditors of another shipowner were required to give him six months' additional credit until the freight of his ship should be paid to him (pp. 59, 89), whilst it was suggested that one member of the expedition should be allowed, in consideration of his "great charges," to make what profit he could out of the "eure" which he had brought home in his ship (p. 60). Meanwhile, Michael Locke, the Treasurer of the Company, had sent in a claim for 1,200*l.* for his own disbursements and services, which was after some time referred for consideration to some of the Commissioners (pp. 61, 340), and on the arrival of lead ore from Cumberland to be used as an "aditament" in smelting the refractory *pyrites* a further attempt was made to extract payment from the reluctant shareholders (p. 304). It had, however, already been made evident that little profit was to be expected from the cargo, and that the only means of obtaining money to discharge the pressing claims of the "poorer sort" who had sailed in the expedition was to sell the property of the Company, including the ships (pp. 41, 51), one of them, the Aid, being bought back by the Government for 800*l.* and handed over to the Admiralty (pp. 64, 65, 76).

Amongst other commercial questions which came before the Council may be noted a case of Average Adjustment (p. 49), and an important controversy as to Marine Assurance was also decided, though unfortunately the Clerk has omitted to enter the Order, a space being left for it in the MS. (pp. 360, 393, 411, 413). The Muscovy Company was in such financial straits in consequence of the depredations of pirates that they were compelled to ask the Council's assistance to compel their members to contribute ratably towards the payment of their liabilities (p. 66), and it was, perhaps, as much in consequence of the rival attractions of the trade through Archangel as of the difficulties with the Hanseatic Federation that the Council insisted that all Eastward-bound ships should give substantial security to discharge their merchandize at Elbing, the port near Dantzig at which the Russian trade had been concentrated (p. 378), access to the Baltic having been probably made easier by the settlement of Danish claims for damage done by English pirates, a sum of more than five hundred pounds being raised by the contributions of the English merchants who traded in the Baltic, the amount having been settled by arbitration, and received by the Agent of the Danish merchants in full discharge of their claims (pp. 247), 300). The Muscovy Company also obtained a licence during the period of the embargo for a fishing voyage apparently to Lapland (p. 449), but the Iceland fishing fleet was not allowed to sail without previous enquiry as to the number of ships and men who were annually engaged in this venture (p. 396), the Newfoundland cod fishery being evidently already in the hands of the French (pp. 372, 377); the new Corporation of Spanish Merchants, whose interests somewhat conflicted with those of the Merchant Adventurers, and the Eastern Company (pp. 205, 428), received assistance from the Council in maintaining their monopoly, the Law Officers of the Crown being instructed to advise how this could best be done (pp. 77, 193), but "considering in what dangers, both of pirates on the seas and of the Turks' galleys in the Straits their ships may stand," two entries as to the escape and redemption of galley slaves showing that this was no idle fear (pp. 166, 193), the Company was charged by the Council not to allow single ships to undertake the voyage, and a plain warning was given that unless they consented to sell the wine, oil and fruit which they brought home more reasonably, the Council itself would think it necessary to settle the

scale of prices (p. 137), though later entries show that the supply of wine soon exceeded the demand, and the merchants were allowed to offer their superabundant stock at a lower price than that fixed by the Council for the sale of wine in London, another instance of the difficulties so often caused by attempts to regulate the prices of commodities by the Government (pp. 260, 299).

The principal commercial question, however, which came under the notice of the Council at this period was that of the relations between the Merchant Adventurers and the Hanseatic Federation as represented in England by the Steelyard. Mention was made in the last volume of difficulties which had arisen in consequence of the withdrawal of certain privileges hitherto accorded to the Merchant Adventurers in the Hanse Towns, and pending the settlement of the disputed points the Steelyard obtained, in January 1578–79, the removal of the restriction on the export of a certain parcel of cloth on the understanding that such an answer to the complaints of English merchants should be forwarded before Lady Day "as might maintain the good and ancient amity between the said Towns of the Stedes and the subjects of this Realm," warning being given that unless the reply was satisfactory "they must look undoubtedly to be recompensed with such measure as they gave" (p. 31); but a brief entry later seems to show that the answer was not such as had been hoped, as the Merchant Adventurers and the Steelyard received the following announcement on April 7:— "The prohibition required by the Merchant Adventurers shall be made" (p. 96). This prohibition involved "the forbearing of traffic at Hamburg," and, as has already been mentioned, special licences were required when it became necessary to buy gunpowder in Hamburg to fill the exhausted magazines in England (pp. 346, 349, 404). In six months' time, however, the Hanse Towns endeavoured to obtain a more favourable decision, laying certain statements before the Council which are unfortunately not given in the Register (p. 262), and early in March of the next year the Council replied to a further letter from Hamburg of December 9, in a somewhat uncouth Latin epistle which has, no doubt, suffered from the ignorance of the copyist who was employed to insert it in the Register, that so long as their ancient privileges were refused to our merchants at Hamburg the Queen saw no reason to remove

the restrictions on trade with that town, though protection against pirates would be afforded to ships belonging to the Steelyard, and the Council would always consider any particular points which might be submitted to them (p. 406). This reply, however unsatisfactory it may have been to the Hanse, was no doubt in accordance with the wishes of the Merchant Adventurers, who appear to have moved their principal depôt to Emden (p. 440), but traders who did not happen to belong to that great Corporation found the restrictions most inconvenient, and in the following month an Order was passed by which four ships were to be licenced each year to fetch wax and other goods purchased in Lubeck, Luneburg and other places and shipped at Hamburg for transport to Spain and the Levant, security being given in 1,000*l.* for each ship "that they shall not break any bulk nor carry any cloth or other commodity, English or foreign, whatsoever, to be sold or uttered at Hamburg, nor bring any commodities from the said cities of Lubeck, Luneburg and places thereabouts to be sold and uttered there, nor bring into this Realm or any other place any goods or merchandises of Hamburg, or brought by any others to Hamburg, but only to pass the said wax, &c." (pp. 439–441), this Order being confirmed after a subsequent protest on the part of the Merchant Adventurers had been dismissed in a Minute to which the original signature of Robert Beale, the Clerk of the Council in waiting, is affixed in the MS. (p. 443). A minor difficulty with the Hanse Towns arising from the exercise of the process of *Withernam* by the townsmen of Dover against a Hamburg skipper was more easily settled, as to save further expense the town of Dover consented to pay the damages claimed, reserving, however, the right to make use of this writ in future in similar cases if the precedents should show that it was not illegal (pp. 341, 358, 373). The plentiful promise of the harvest of the year 1579 enabled the Council to relax for a time the restrictions on the corn trade (pp. 192, 208, 222, 282), but in November the restriction was renewed, the privileges of Guernsey and the necessities of Ireland being allowed as excuses for exemption from the restraint, a licence being even required for the export of a cargo of musty wheat (pp. 314, 357, 389, 401, 409, 421); but the general embargo laid on all shipping at the beginning of the year 1579–80 would, as already mentioned, have put a stop to all trade were it not for the systematic issue

of licences, which were, no doubt, a source of profit to the Lord Admiral (p. 390, *et seq.*). A contention between London and the townsmen of Norwich, in which the latter resisted the claim of the City to impose a tax and certain restrictions upon the sale of their manufactures, probably woollen cloth (p. 47), in London, seems after an *interim* decision in favour of Norwich to have been left unsettled, as there is no record of the final judgment (pp. 22, 23, 25, 42, 118), and several entries refer to the malpractices of the Western clothiers (pp. 126, 160, 168), but the attempt to foster the capmaking trade by imposing penalties for not wearing caps on Sunday must have broken down in consequence of the dishonesty of the informers who collected the fines (pp. 26, 352, 384, 424, 452); in order to encourage the home manufacture of oil from seeds the Council attempted to compel the London soapmakers to buy seed-oil made in England from one Mellowes as a condition of being allowed to use up their stock of whale and train-oil (pp. 50, 343, 394); the right to import playing-cards was a monopoly granted to Ralph Bowes and Thomas Bedingfeld, who complained that smuggled cards were destroying their profits, and the same complaint was made by the Master of the Glass House as to the importation and sale of foreign glass, the Lord Mayor and Recorder being in each instance instructed to take steps to protect the monopolists (pp. 155, 172), and also to give some protection to a foreign fencing master, who had established himself in the City and interfered with the profits of the native professors of the art of self-defence (p. 183). The Lord Mayor was also directed, in February 1578–79, when "by reason of this extremity of hard weather the passages to come to the City, both by water and land, be so stopped as such provision of victuals, fuel and other necessaries can not be brought thither," to see that the stock of provisions "be orderly distributed, as well to the poor as to the rich, and that order may be taken that all excessive banqueting within the City may be for a time forborne" (p. 44), and at a later date receives the thanks of the Council for amending the "assises and weights of bread," in the City, with an instruction to confer with the Wardens of the Brewers' Company with a view to a reduction in the price of beer in consequence of the cheapness of malt (p. 268); disputes connected with the Watermen's Company and the Fellowship Porters were also referred to him (pp. 84, 88, 220), whilst the Dyers' Company are invited

to send two experts to Russia and Persia to learn the art of dyeing without woad (p. 147).

In August, 1579, the City of London was apparently as free from the Plague as it ever was in mediæval times, though it had been found necessary in June to remove a Recusant from the "White Lion" at Southwark for fear of infection (p. 162), but the Council was informed that the sickness "whereof, God be thanked, the City was now well clear," was very rife in Salisbury, Norwich and Yarmouth, and it was thought advisable, as the date of Bartholomew Fair approached, to take measures to prevent the carriers from the infected towns from attending the Fair with their wares, even herrings from Yarmouth being forbidden (pp. 211, 249), a decision which must have caused great inconvenience, as the town of Yarmouth had recently secured, in spite of the protests of the neighbourhood, a practical monopoly of the fish trade in those parts which the county magistrates were instructed to enforce (pp. 52–54, 60). In East Anglia the sickness was evidently very prevalent, the Recusants confined at Bury were removed to other places of detention (pp. 165, 211, 253, 254), and as fear was aroused that the pestilence might revisit London the Lord Mayor was in April of the following year instructed "to have a special care to the keeping clean of the City," and the Middlesex Magistrates were ordered to forbid all plays until Michaelmas and to put in force the Statute against rogues and vagabonds (p. 449). The Keepers of the Royal Parks throughout the country, who were probably in most cases the beneficial tenants of the Crown, had much difficulty in repressing poaching, the case at Brigstock Park in Northamptonshire being of such complexity as to give rise to many entries in the Register (9, 63, 165, 179, 207, 208, 237, 394), but sometimes it is probable that this "disordered" or unlicensed hunting was used as a means of asserting an old right or privilege which had lately been withdrawn from the neighbourhood, and was often merely a form of protest against enclosures as to which commoners and great landlords were at variance, the usual procedure in such cases consisting then, as in more modern times, in the destruction of the fence of the enclosure, as in a notable instance in Hertfordshire which is often referred to in the Register (pp. 25, 49, 95, 99, 103, 106, 110, 111, 113, 129, 154, 169, 178, 191, 320).

Disputes as to the ownership, inheritance and occupation of land, some of which were of long standing (pp. 34, 71, 86, 123, 101, 321, 325, 339, 340, 344, 349, 384, 392, 397), were constantly under the notice of the Council, which also took measures to settle many private controversies, both commercial and personal, by arbitration, the object being, no doubt, to compound such private differences without the inconvenience and public notoriety of legal process (pp. 92, 94, 96, 108, 187, 223, 285, 350, 399, 426); but sometimes the Council was compelled to interfere for the sake of the peace of the neighbourhood, as in the Drayton Bassett case (p. 203), and in the case of Lord Stafford's claims against the tenants of the manor of Cawes Castle (pp. 64, 178, 196, 215, 238); the acute differences between Lord Shrewsbury and the Glossopdale farmers were settled in favour of the tenants at the recommendation of the Council, those who would not accept the terms offered by their landlord being sent for and confined for a time in the Marshalsea (pp. 113, 135, 145, 309, 328, 411, 432, 448, 449), and the peculiar tenure under which much of the land near the Border was held, which involved an obligation to military service, made it necessary to refer disputes between landlord and tenant in Cumberland to the consideration of the President of the Council in the North (pp. 139, 148).

Entries relating to the embankment of Erith Marshes and the drainage of the Fens show that the Council was not unmindful of the improvement of the country (pp. 190, 444), though political necessities compelled it to interfere with the thriving iron industry in Sussex by forbidding the export of iron guns (pp. 345, 380, 383); the abuses of the system of Purveyance (pp. 70, 415), and the inconveniences caused by the obligation to provide post-horses (pp. 47, 114, 253) required the Council's interference, and the provision of fodder for the deer in Woodstock Park after a long winter was not beneath their notice (p. 45); the prevailing ignorance and superstition are shown by entries relating to witchcraft, conjuration and waxen images in various parts of the country (pp. 22, 36, 292, 427), and a mention, on April 22, 1580, of "the Fast and Prayers appointed since the Earthquake" (p. 450), is an indication of the terror caused by these disturbances of the earth so

rarely felt in England, Camden describing this particular occourrence in the following terms;—

"The 6th day of April (1580), at 6 o'clock in the evening, the air being clear and calm, England on this side York, and the Netherlands almost as high as Cologne, in a moment, as it were, fell a trembling in such a manner that in some places stones fell down from buildings, the bells in steeples struck against the clappers, and the very sea, which was then very calm, was vehemently tossed and moved to and fro. The night following, the ground in Kent trembled two or three times, and the like again on the 1st of May, in the dead time of the night."—Camden, in Kennett, p. 476, under date 1580.

As usual, the references to piracy and dealings with pirates are too frequent to be enumerated here, and we note that the fines for aiding and dealing with pirates were strictly collected in order "to be employed towards the satisfaction of the subjects of divers Princes who have been spoiled by the pirates" (pp. 7, 20, 35, 38, 39, 46, 84); the kindred crime of wrecking is also mentioned occasionally, the practice appearing to be common to all parts of the coast (pp. 205, 297, 321, 369, 447); entries as to lewd words, seditious prophecies, and scandalous publications also constantly occur (*passim*), the offenders being generally dealt with at the Assizes, but the current of popular opinion against the projected French marriage is shown by the mention of a man who was put on the Pillory at Marlborough for "uttering of lewd, unreverend and seditious speaches against the Duke of Anjou" (p. 357), whilst the allusions to the Gaping Gulf remind us that before the project was dropped for a time Elizabeth's tenderness for the susceptibilities of her expectant bridegroom cost Page and Stubbs their right hands (pp. 270, 276). In addition to his alleged illegal enclosures, Sir John Throgmorton's conduct in certain private matters connected with trust and executorship was so unsatisfactory that he was suspended from the exercise of his functions as Palatine Justice of Chester and the neighbouring Welsh shires (pp. 69, 98, 135, 193), and he is also discreditably connected with the long controversy between his brother-in-law, George Puttenham, and his wife, Lady Windsor, which was at last settled in favour of the lady with respect to the provision of suitable maintenance, but though the terms of the arrangement were drawn up by the Council, the draft of the document being revised by Lord Burghley's own hand, a subsequent entry shows that Throgmorton paid but little attention to his obligations (pp. 61, 129, 188, 299).

Other matrimonial cases also engaged the attention of the Council, a question as to the legality of a marriage being referred to the High Commissioners (pp. 109, 122, 137), and cases of "rape," or abduction and subsequent marriage are not uncommon (pp. 56, 79, 108, 391, 416, 432). Amongst the ordinary robberies and burglaries which are so frequently mentioned in the Register (*passim*), we notice the theft of plate from the Court (pp. 44, 86, 89), and that the duty of delivering the Council's letters was not always unaccompanied by danger to the Messenger (pp. 126, 145, 156, 179, 328), whilst frays and assaults in London were the cause of temporary confinement in the Fleet or the Marshalsea, Walter Raleigh twice paying this penalty for his indiscretion (pp. 121, 384, 388, 421, 429), the notorious Ludovic Greville being also punished in the same way for an "outrage" on the person of Sir John Conway, and, with his opponent, bound over to keep the peace (pp. 46, 67, 180, 184). The various prisons are, of course, constantly mentioned, the poor debtors in the Queen's Bench are still recommended by the Council to the benevolent offices of the Commissioners appointed to negotiate with their creditors for their release (pp. 27, 162, 195), a letter was written to procure the release of a child of 13 who was sent to gaol with his master "touching matters of conjuration" (p. 370), and irregularities in Newgate required the interference of the Council (p. 398); the new House of Correction at Winchester erected "for the setting on work of idle and vagrant persons" evidently languished for want of funds, and the Clergy of the Diocese were called upon to supplement the contributions of the laity (pp. 300, 417), and the mention of the "White Lion at Kingston" seems to show that this name was applied to other places of detention beside the well-known prison in Southwark (pp. 26, 162). Though theoretically all men were equal before the law, it was often necessary to instruct the Judges of Assize or the Lord Mayor to quicken the course of justice in cases where the poverty of a litigant or the ingenuity of his opponent prevented the speedy trial of a case (pp. 59, 73, 305), and even those poor Norfolk fishermen whose offences in connection with piracy had been wiped out by the Queen's clemency were still detained in prison "for that they be not able to pay the charges of their pardon," and as they were wanted to complete the crews of the vessels bound for the Iceland fisheries the

county authorities were told—not, indeed, that the costs would be remitted—but "if the charges of the pardon to be passed under the Great Seal be the only cause of their imprisonment, that if then they could either procure so much to be gathered of the country, or else make some bargain with the shipmasters that besides their finding during the time of their voyage they would allow some convenient portion out of their wages for their discharge, they should do therein a very charitable deed" (p. 98). The mention of the expenses of "the Game" at Paris Garden reminds of the Queen's fondness for bear-baiting (pp. 70, 392), and several entries refer to payments for plays performed before her by the children of St. Paul's School and the "Servants" of her Courtiers (pp. 21, 70, 75, 81, 377, 398). A "masterless man" is sent to Bridewell as a rogue because, upon the highway between Oxford and London, he "did not only misbehave himself towards Mr. Comptroller, but since that time, accompanied with certain fencers, hath offered to assault Mr. Henry Bellingham" (p. 295); Commissioners are specially appointed for the speedy trial of forty gipsies arrested in Wales in order to save the charges of their detention in prison (p. 362), and the penalties imposed by the Proclamation against carrying pistols and wearing secret armour were strictly enforced (pp. 23, 295, 394, 403). Though Wales had been long made "shire land," it is evident that the course of law did not always run smoothly in the Principality, and the somewhat anomalous Council in the Marches of Wales received constant letters of instruction from the Government, one remarkable case being concerned with the forgery of Lord Pembroke's seal to a number of legal documents (pp. 55, 62, 67, 72, 140, 163, 303, 361, 365, 385, 421), whilst the peculiar customs and laws existing in the Channel Islands, especially in Guernsey, seem then, as now, to have been the despair of the Council (pp. 14, 200, 326, 335, 347, 360, 379, 387), and to have necessitated the appointment of a strong Commission to hold a local inquiry, the usual Order in Council which was to settle everything being afterwards issued on the basis of their Report, but probably with the usual unsatisfactory result.

J. R. D.

Athenæum Club,
Sept. 23, 1895.

ERRATA.

Page 16, second marginal note, *for* "Irish Ecclesiastical difficulties" *read* "Dispensations in the Irish Church."

„ 272, line 13, *for* "Ivan" *read* "Joan."

„ 309, line 17, *for* "Narte" *read* "Narve."

„ 360, last line but one, *for* "Jennar" *read* "Fennar."

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Richmonde, 2 Januarye.

Present:—

Lord Threasurer.	Erle of Leycester.	p. 354.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.	
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.	
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.	

Scottish claims.

A letter of assistaunce with processe out of the Courte of the Admiralty to certaine Scottishe men repairinge unto the countyes of Sussex and Kent for the recoverye of a certaine barke taken by pirates on the seas with her goodes, beinge wines, bookes and apparell, and by them brought to the coastes of the partes aforesaid, which said shippe is pretended to be a wrecke.

* At the sute as well of the Commissioners as of the Scottes, it was desired that the Lord Buckherst,

A letter to Sir Thomas Shirley, knighte, in the behalf of certaine Scottishmen, requiringe him to shewe them what favour lawfullie he maye for the recoveringe of certaine goodes taken by pirates and by them brought to the coast of Sussex and Kent, advertisinge him forth how the Lord

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* Original marginal note.

Henry Mervyn and Thomas Bishopp should be added, whereuppon letters were written accordingly, the 20 of January.

Cobham hath written his letters to his officers in the Cinque Portes in that behalf, and if *anye other liberties shalbe pretended he is required to advertise their Lordships what shalbe said by the rest, and to enquire in what sorte the said shippe came uppon the coast, and in what sorte it was seased on, to thintent it maye appeare whether it were a wreck or no.

3 *Januarij*, 1578.

Present (the presence in the margent):—

Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erl of Warwyk.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Erl of Leycester.	

An appearance.

This daye Andrewe Mallecoye of the Inner Temple made his apparence before the Lordes of the Queen's Majesties most honorable Privie Councell, being thereunto appointed in the matter betweene Doctor Julio and Stompe on the one part againste the said Andrewe.

The Clerks of the Council.

The same daye, Mr. Henry Cheek, heretofore sworn one of the Clerkes of her Majesties most honorable Privey Counsell, being retorned home out of the partes of beyond the seas, appon an agreement and order taken by Edmond Tremayn, Robert Beale, Thomas Wilkes and the said Henry Cheeke among them selves for the times and termes of their severall waitenges as is conteyned in the note folowing, the same note was exhibited and shewed unto the Lords then present, and being by them liked of and allowed, it was by their Lordships ordered that the same shold be entred into the Counsell Booke, there to remain of record and be observed by them accordingly.

* From this point the entry is continued on p. 359, which also contains part of the proceedings of Jan. 3.

At Richemond, the iij^de of Januarie, 1578, confirmed at the Councell by the Lordes, as followeth:— p. 355.

Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Earle of Leicester.	

Januarie -	Edmund Tremaine	*1
Februarie -	Henry Cheeke -	*2
Marche -	Edmund Tremaine	
Aprill -	Robert Beale -	*3
Maye -	Robert Beale -	
June -	Thomas Wilkes -	*4
July -	Thomas Wilkes -	
August -	Henry Cheeke -	
September	Edmunde Tremaine	
October -	Henry Cheeke -	
November	Robert Beale -	
December -	Thomas Wilkes -	

(*Pp.* 356, 357 *and* 358 *are left blank in the MS.*)

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Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to Sir John Forster, knight, signifieng her Majesties pleasure towching his entring into Scotland with his forces, if he shalbe thereunto required by the Lord Ruthen, for the spedier and better execucion of justice upon the The Borders.

* These numbers seem to be a later addition.

offendors of the said Borders, according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

Piracy in the Downs.

A letter of assistaunce accompaning a Commission out of the Court of the Admiraltie for the apprehending of certen pirates, having spoiled, the xix^th^ of December last about the Downs, a shippe with diverse kindes of merchaundize appertayning to certen merchauntes of Bruges and Antwerpe.

Felons' goods.

A letter to the two Lords Cheife Justices signifieng that by the letter enclosed they shall understande a controversie betwene Sir Henry Portman and the Bailifes of Oxforde, concerning the seasure of certen fellon's goods by them made in Oxforde, which they alleage to have ben don by vertue of their charters and liberties, for the which notwithstanding at the suite of the said Sir Henry they have ben condemned in a good somme of money; forasmuche as the said Maiour and the reste have ben humble suiters unto their Lordships that before it be proceaded to execucion of the said condemnacion their charters might be by the said two Lords Cheife Justices perused, and accordingly such order taken betwene them as shalbe agreable to justice and equitie, their Lordships have therefore thought good earnestelie to praye them to take knowledge and consideracion thereof, and therein to order bothe parties as they shall thincke expedient.

An unfounded charge.

A letter to the Maiour of Westchester, that where by his letter of the xix^th^ of this presente their Lordships do understande that he hathe apprehended Frauncis Elderman, accused by Andrewe Tailor of that cittie for certen lewde speches to have ben by him uttered againste the Queen's Majestie, as by the depositions of sundry persons doth appear, affirming that the said Tailor should report suche speches to have ben uttered againste her Majestie by the said Elderman; forasmuche as by a late examinacion taken of the said Tailour he denyeth at anie tyme to have charged Elderman with anie suche speaches, their Lordships se no reason why Elderman shoulde be anie furder troubled in that respecte,
p. 361. the rather for that upon the like accusacions there appeared

no matter in truthe well proved against him, and therupon by virtue of their Lordships' letters to his predecessor was discharged, and therefore he is required to sett the said Elderman at libertie; and where this bearer hathe ben an humble suiter unto their Lordships that suche charges as he hathe ben at in seeking of the said Elderman (being appointed thereunto by him) might be repayed unto him by their Lordships' order, he is geven to understand that sithe the said Elderman hathe ben now apprehended uppon the accusacion of the said Tailour, which he refusethe to affirme, notwithstanding the deposicions of certen persons taken in that behalf, their Lordships thinck it verie reasonable that his charges shoulde be borne by the said Tailor; and likewise for suche other voiages as have ben by him made in bringing of letters unto the Court concerning Houghton, that his charges and expenses imployed in the said voiag, going and coming, be also borne by Houghton if he shalbe founde guiltie of those matters wherewith he is charged, for whome he shall receive furder order after the certificate, &c., from the gentlemen unto whome the matter is committed, as well for examinacion of the person as the doinges of the said Houghton.

Postscript. If there be no furder matter to be brought againste Andrewe Tailor we thincke it also mete that you sett him at libertie, after he shall have payed and satisfied this bearer for suche charges as he hathe ben at in the seking, apprehending and following of the cause againste Elderman.

Quinto Januarij, 1578, Richmonde.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Earl of Leicester.	

The piracy fines. A letter to Sir Robert Wingefielde, knight, and the reste of the Commissioners for matters of piracies within the

countye, that where by their letter of the laste of December they signifie that in their proceadinges for the leavieng of the fynes cessed uppon suche persons within that county as have ben (for matters of piracies) founde culpable and certefied hether, they desire to have tyme till Michaelmas for the paiement of their severall fynes, alleaging their presente povertie and unhabillity to paie the same according to the order taken in their Lordships' laste letters directed unto them in that behalf, they are lett to understande that forasmuche as the fynes for the offences generallie to be leavied thrughe the Realme are fourthwith to be imployed towardes the satis-
p. 362. faction of the subjectes of diverse Princes who have ben spoiled by the pirates, unto whome the personnes fyned are proved to have ben abbettours, buyers and conveyors of their goodes, their Lordships maie not yeld to anie longer tyme then is alreadie set downe in their Lordships' laste letters, and therfore do require them to see the same in every point effectuallie put in execucion.

Lewd words. And where they desire to understande what order shalbe taken with William Bonde, comitted to Mylton gaole for certen lewde speches by him uttered since Mydsomer laste, affirmed by the othes of two witnesses, as appeareth by their examinacions sent hether, their Lordships thincke yt mete that with some dilligence, before the six monethes limitted by the Statute be expired, they do cause the said Bonde, after they shall have farder examined him, to be indicted and proceaded withall according to the lawes of the Realme in that behaulf provided.

Sexto Januarij, 1578.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Earl of Leicester.	

Piracy in Norfolk. A letter to Sir Christofer Heidon and Sir William Buttes, knightes, and the reste of the Commissioners to inquire of

matters of piracies within the county of Norffolk, that where in November laste there was about Margat a shippe of Dorte called the Mermayde, laden with clothes and other merchaundizes appertayning as well to diverse of her Majesties subjectes as to the Societie of the Merchauntes of the Stilliard in London, taken by an English pirate, whereupon Comission was graunted out of the Admiraltye for thapprehencion of the pyrates and restitucion of the goods; forasmuche as their Lordships do understande that part thereof hathe ben since broght into that countye, they are required presentlie upon the receipt hereof to make dilligent searche in all places within that county where it maie be supposed that any parte of the said merchandizes doth remayne, and to call before them suche persons as shalbe nominated unto them to have ben receyvours, &c., of the pyrates' goods, and upon the finding of any parte thereof to cause presente restitucion to be made to the parties spoyled, and to do their best indevours for the apprehending of the pirates if they be upon that coaste, and also to inquire what personnes are and have ben conveyers, &c., of the pirates' goods, and to certifye their names and valewes, that suche order maie be taken with them as hathe ben with others heretofore.

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Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlayne.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Therle of Warwike.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Erle of Leicestre.	

Illegal hunting.

This daie Robert Savell, esquire, being called before my Lordes uppon the sute of the Lord Admirall for hunting in certen groundes under the chardge of his Lordship, was by their Lordships committed to the Fleete.

And the same after nowne Sheffield Savell, sonne to thabove named Robert, appearing for the same cause, was likewise

committed, with order to the Warden that thone of them should not have conference with thother till their Lordships' pleasure shoulde be further declared.

The viijth of January.

The presence as before.

Irish matters. To the Threasurer of Ireland for the impresting of money from tyme to tyme to Sir William Drury, Lord Justice there, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

A placard for post horses and transportacion for Hughe Strowbridge, servaunte to the Lord Justice abovesaid, dispatched into Ireland.

The ixth daie.

Subscribed by the presence aforesaid.

The Earl of Desmond. A letter to the Erle of Desmonde in answer to certeine peticions exhibited in his name by his servaunt, Morrice Shean, according to a minute thereof remayninge in the Counsell Chest.

To Sir William Drury, Lord Justice in Ireland, with a coppie of the Erle's letter inclosed, wherein is declared their Lordships' good allowance of the answer that was made by the Lord Deputie and Counsell there to the Erle's articles
p. 364. exhibited unto them in August last; and for those that were referred to be considered of here, their Lordships do signifie that nether her Majestie nor their Lordships do think it convenient for sundrie good consideracions that the Castle Magne be restored to the possession of the said Erle, or of any subject in that order that he requireth, whereby is not mente any suspicion of his fidelitie, whereof her Majestie resteth aswell perswaded as of any subject of his quallitie within that Realme; and for her Majesties good opinion conceaved of

him, her Highnes is well pleased to graunte unto him and to the heires males of his boddie the fee farme of suche Abby landes as he desireth in Kerry, a warrante whereof is promised to be sent from her Majestie uppon his answer sent hether of his acceptance of her Highnes' graunte. He is required also to procede to the execucion of the performance of all the rest of his peticions according to the answer made by the Lord Deputie and Counsell there, and to use all good meanes to holde him in the dewtefull course that he hathe latelie begonne, speciallie the changing the maner of the exaction of his tenantes to make graunt thereof for yerelie rentes, as his Lordship and the Threasurer latelie informed their Lordships by their letters, and to expresse also the good likinge conceaved of the ladie his wief, who deserveth great praise in advising her husband to the course which shall be bothe honorable and proffitable for him, and the readie waie to inriche the people to be made more able to serve in the defence of the cuntrey.

Oxfordshire disputes.

To Sir Frauncis Knollys, Threasurer of her Majestie's Household, with certeine examinacions taken by the Vicechauncellour, the Maiour and other Justices of the Peace in Oxford towching a fray made in the said cittie by William Grey, esquire, and others of thone partie, and one Alder and other the servauntes of the Lord Norris on the other partie, and with certeine informacions also towchinge a contraversie betwene one Busfeld and Pratt for the title of the parsonage of Cuxham in the countie of Oxon, in which one Averye, under the pretence of a Pursevant and as sent by their Lordships' authoritie, dispossessed the said Pratt of the said parsonag wherein he had contynued xv yeres; for as muche as the said Mr. Threasurer is nowe in those partes and is acquainted with bothe those causes, he is desired to calle the Vice Chauncellour of the Universitie unto him, and by his advice and assistance to use all good meanes for the pacifieng of bothe those strifes, according to justice and equitie; and also that Busfeld may be straitelie examined what is become of the said Averey, and uppon understanding where he is to take order for his

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apprehencion and safe keping in prison, to the ende he may receive ponishement according to his desertes; and if he with thadvice aforesaid, nor with the aide of the Justices at the next Sessions can paciefie those contraversies, he is required that their Lordships may be certified of the state of the matter in whome the most falte is, that thereuppon there may be furder order given as justice shall require.

Richemond, the xth of January, 1578.

The presence:—

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Lord Admirall.	Sir Henry Sidney.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Recognisances fulfilled.

This daie Thomas Lewgar and William Thomson, of Chempton in Suffolk, being bound before Mr. Bocking and the Bailifes of Ipswiche to make their apparence before their Lordships by the xjth of this present, have here appered accordinglie, and are enjoyned according to their bands to give their attendance from tyme to tyme till they shall be discharged by order of their Lordships.

The 12 of January, Richemond.

Subscribed by the presence aforesaid.

Sir N. Bacon.

To the Lord Keper, with certeine examinacions inclosed taken by order from the Lordes towching certeine lewde speches used about the defacing and taking doune of a Roode Lofte in the towne of St. Albones, their Lordships do referr unto him, as resiant neare unto the place, to calle unto him her Majesties Attorney and Sollicitour Generall or any other her Majesties lerned Counsell, and as the matter by their opinions shall appere to deserve, so to give order to procede against the offendours according to the due course of the lawes and the nature and quallities of their offences.

To the Judge of thadmiraltie with certeine examinacions inclosed taken by Sir Edward Horsey, knight, Capten of the Ile of Wight, and some others sent unto the Lordes from the Maiour and certeine Justices about Boston towching certen pirattes that spoiled the Merchantes of the Stilliard, of which examinacions he is willed substaunciallie to consider; and where in those sent from Boston there be some persons towched to be partakers and maynteyners of those offendours in piracy, he is required to give order without delay for their apprehencion and safe keping to the ende that they may be answerable to their offences; and that for the one company and the other he shall give forthe Commission to putt them to their triall and arraynement according to the due course of the lawes, and uppon due profes to be made before him he shall give order for the restitucion of the goodes staied to them that shall be found the true proprietaries of the same, and that the shipp and goodes apperteyning to the pirattes may be answered to her Majesties use. p. 366. Piracy and the Steelyard.

To Sir Edward Horsey, Capten of the Ile of Wight, in answer of his towching the examinacions taken of pirattes apprehended for spoiles committed uppon certeine hoyes loden with goodes belonging to the Merchantes of the Stilliard; he is thanked in her Majesties behalf and their Lordships' for his dilligence and paines taken therein, with significacion what is don for furder proceding by the Judge of the Admiraltie, according to the effect of the letter to the said Judge.

One other letter to the same effect to the Maiour of Boston, to Mr. Bollys and Mr. Hunston, Justices there, to the like effecte as is aforesaid.

Richemonde, 13 January, 1578.

Present:—

Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Erle of Leicester.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The North-west Adventurers.

Four severall letters to the Erle of Pembroke, Sir John Brocket, knight, Mr. Somers and Antony Je[n]kinson, requiringe them to make paiment of the arrerages of the moneye by them promised to be paid for the voyage of Mr. Furbusher, accordinge to the minute remayninge in the Counsell Chiste (*sic*).

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A charge of murder.

A letter to the Sheriffe, Justices of Peace, &c., of the countie of Wiltshire to enquire after and apprehende one Robert Wintershall, *alias* called "Greate Roberte," vehementlie suspected to have committed a hainous murther in the countie of Surreye, and uppon his apprehencion to see him conveyed unto the Sheriffe of Surreye aforesaid, to be by him committed to the gaole, &c., to be tryed there.

Guernsey law.

A letter to the Judge of the Admiraltie, together with the answer inclosed of Doctor Dale and Mr. Doctor Aubery, touching the matter in controversie betwene Mr. Leighton and a French merchant, requiringe him uppon consideracion of their said aunswer either to referre the further triall therof to the Bailiffes and Jurates of the Isle of Garnesey, as they claime by their Charter, or els to proceade otherwise therein as he shall thinck good according to lawe and justice.

Fish Days and Lent in the City.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of the Citie of London and the Aldermen his brethren, that where their Lordships heretofore had written sundrie their letters unto them for th'observacion of Fishe Daies and Lent and the restrainінge of killinge and eatinge of fleshe in those times, which, notwithstanding her Majesties Proclamacion also to the contrarie, their Lordships were informed hath not ben observed in that Citie, wheruppon their Lordships were faine the last yeare to appoint some officers of her Majesties Housholde to see the good lawes and orders established in that behalf more duelie observed, with the doinge whereof sondrie persones in that Citie founde them selves aggrieved (as their Lordships were informed), pretendinge that it neaded not that anie other should have intermedled within these Liberties, a sufficient

order in that behalf beinge before taken by them; for that their Lordships are lothe to prejudice them in their government and liberties, they duetifullie puttinge in execucion the orders prescribed unto them, before that their Lordships would appointe any other to that charge they have thought good to require them to enforme their Lordships particularlie what order they have heretofore taken, or uppon conference together shall thincke meete to be taken in that Citie for the restraint of the killing and eatinge of fleshe, especiallye in the Lent time, that theruppon further order maie be taken by their Lordships accordinglie, and thereof speedelie to advertise their Lordships.

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Lord Tresorer.
Lord Chamberlain.
Erl of Warwik.
Erl of Leycester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwich, Sir Christofer Heyton and Sir William Buttes, knightes, and the rest of the Commissioners Ecclesiastical in the Diocesse of Nordwich (*sic*), that whereas heretofore Sir Henry Bedingfeld, knight, was appointed to repair to the city of Norwiche to be conferred with in matters of Religion, forasmuche as their Lordships are enformed by Henry Sackford, one of the Groomes of her Majesties Chamber, his son in lawe, that by reason of a disease in his legg the said Sir Henry can not conveniently do yt, and therfore hath mad sute on his behalf that he might be forborn for sume time, their Lordships are contented that he shall remayn in his house till Our Lady Day next, and the said Bishop and Commissioners to signify so muche unto him and at that time commaund him to repaire hither for further conference, onles in the mean time God shall torne his harte otherwise and it shall be so signified unto p. 369. their Lordships by the said Bishop, his ordinarye; and Sir H. Bedingfeld.

further, the said Commissioners to have a dewe regard that this favour be not abused, and to enform their Lordships accordingly.

Frobisher's accounts.

A letter to the Commissioners for the North West Voiage that their Lordships supposing that by this time they have taken and ended thaccomptes of Michael Locke, late Thresorer of that Adventure, they wold also and (*sic*) Mr. Furbusher and others who have receaved any parcell of money of anye of the Adventurers, and to take thaccompt of them howe the same hath ben bestowed and so to send their Lordships and (*sic*) entire accompt of the charge of the whole voiage.

Irish ecclesiastical difficulties.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles, Mr. Attorney Generall, Mr. Doctor Lewes and Mr. Doctor Auberye racomending unto them a certen matter in controversie touching facultyes and dispensacions in the Realm of Irlande, betwene the Lord Archbishop and other Bishops of that countrye and George Acworth, Doctor of the Civill Lawe, and Robert Garvey, Master of Arte and Bachelor of the same Lawe on thother, according to a mynute thereof remayning in the Counsell Chest.

Appon talk of the said matters of facultyes and dis-
p. 370. pensations, their Lordships having caused the originall of a certen order taken and subscribed by their Lordships the xxth of June, in the yere of the Lord God 1576, with the Lord Archbishop of Canterburye at his first coming to that Sea, their Lordships' pleasure was that the same shold [be] registred and entred into the Counsell Book as followeth:—

A letter to Mr. Doctor Lewis, Master of the Facultyes, that he may without serving of any speciall warrant from their Lordships exercise the facultyes provided that the same be in soch pointes as heretofore hath ben allowed by their Lordships' former order, according to a mynute remayninge in the Cheste.

p. 371. Dispensacions to be utterlie abolished as not agreable to Christian Religion in the opinion of the Lords of the Counsell.

* The xxth of June, 1576.

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* Original marginal note.

Dispensations in the Irish Church.

Trialitees and faculties for moe benefices or so many as the parties could get.

The taxe of trialities was ix^{li}.

The taxe of thother much greater according to the qualitie of the graunte, to be devided after the rate of the others.

Dispensacions for children and yonge men under age to take ecclesiasticall promocions.

The taxe whereof the partie being xviij yeres of age and more was iiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}.

The taxe much greter the parties being under xviij yeres.

Dispensacions called by the name of *Perinde valere*, making grauntes good which by lawe were voide and a right grounded to some other person.

The taxe whereof was vj^{li}.

Dispensacions to take all orders of the Ministerie at one tyme.

The taxe whereof was xiij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Dispensacions to take orders out of their owne Diocesse at any other Bisshoppes handes, except where he was borne or where he hathe ben most usuallie for ij yeres.

The taxe whereof was vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Licenses to marry without banes asking, and out of the parishe church of any of the parties.

The taxe whereof was x^{s}.

Dispensacions left to the consideracion of the Lords of the Counsell and by them allowed as they be here qualified. p. 372.

It is to be considered whither this kinde of dispensacion may have continuance, being used in this case onlie where certaine of the smallest Bisshoprickes wante sufficient for maintenance of Bisshoppes and therefore have nede of some supplie. * A *Commendam.*

* Original marginal note.

Dispensations in the Irish Church.

The taxe whereof is xvj^{li}, to be devided thus, viz.:—

To the Quene - - - - viij^{li}.
Lorde Chauncelour - - xxv^{s} vj^{d} *qr.*
Clerke - - - - xvij^{s} ix^{d} *ob. qr.*
Archebisshop - - - iij^{li} xj^{s} j^{d}.
Commissarie - - - xvij^{s} ix^{d} *ob. qr.*
Register - - - - xvij^{s} ix^{d} *ob. qr.*

* A Dualitie.

It is to be considerid whether this dispensacion may have continuance so as only lernid men being Bachelers of Divinite or preachers lawfully allowed by the Bisshop where the second benefice is may enjoie the same, the distaunce betwene the benefice not exceding xx^{ti} miles, with proviso also that the partie dispensed withall preach at the benefice whereupon he dwelleth not xiijth sermons every yere upon Sondaies and hollidaies, acording to the Quenes Injunctions, and also kepe hospitalitie there viij wekes in every yere at the least.

The taxe whereof is vj^{li} x^{s}, to be devided thus, viz.:—

To the Quene - - - - iij^{li}.
Lord Chauncelor - - xiij^{s} v^{d} *ob.*
Clerk - - - - vij^{s} ij^{d} *ob.*
Archebisshop - - - xxviij^{s} x^{d} *ob.*
Commissarie - - - vij^{s} ij^{d} *ob. qr.*
Register - - - - vij^{s} ij^{d} *ob. qr.*

* A Legitimacion.

This kinde of Legitimacion which is the enabling of men base borne to take ecclesiasticall orders and promocions semeth not convenient to be used but where is good proofe of grete towardnes in lerning and of godlie disposicion in the partie so dispensed withall, for that bastardes seldome prove profitable members of God's Church, which is lickewise to be considered of in the said case.

The tax whereof is iiij^{li}, to be devided:—

To the Quene - - - - xliij^{s} iiij^{d}.
Lord Chauncelor - - viij^{s} x^{d} *ob.*
Clerck - - - - iiij^{s} v^{d} *ob.*

* Original marginal notes.

Archbishop - - - xvij^{s} vij^{d}.
Comissarie - - - - iiij^{s} vj^{d}.
Register - - - - iiij^{s} vj^{d}.

Dispensations in the Irish Church.

To be considerid whether this dispensacion may be graunted for some shorte tyme onlye for recoverie of helth or such like urgent cause, and not during life or for any longer tyme not exceding one yere as it hath ben heretofore used. p. 373. * Non-residence.

The tax whereof is liij^{s} iiij^{d}, to be devided:—

To the Quene - - - - xxx^{s}.
Lord Chauncelor - - *nihil.*
Clerck - - - - iij^{s} iiij^{d}.
Archbisshop - - - viij^{s} x^{d} *ob.*
Commissarie - - - iiij^{s} v^{d} *ob.*
Register - - - - iij^{s} v^{d} *ob.*

Whither this dispensacion be to be continued for some persons. * Licence to eate fleshe.

The taxe whereof is xl^{s}, to be devided:—

To the Quene - - - - *nihil.*
Lord Chauncelour - - *nihil.*
Clerck - - - - iiij^{s} iiij^{d}.
Archbishop - - - vj^{s} viij^{d}.
Commissarie - - - iij^{s} v^{d} *ob.*
Register - - - - iij^{s} v^{d} *ob.*

Whither this facultie be to be retained in actuaries and scribes still. * Creation of Notaries.

The taxe whereof is xiij^{s} iij^{d}, to be devided:—

To the Quene - - - - *nihil.*
Lord Chauncelour - - *nihil.*
Clerck - - - - iiij^{s} v^{d} *qr.*
Archibisshop - - - *nihil.*
Commissarie - - iiij^{s} v^{d} *qr.*
Register - - - - iiij^{s} v^{d} *qr.*

Whether incase of the Princes service this dispensacion may be graunted to a Doctor of the Civill Lawe to enjoye * *De non promovendo.*

* Original marginal notes.

some kinde of ecclesiasticall promocion notwithstanding he be not within orders.

The taxe whereof is iiij^{li}, to be devided:—

*Thought mete that the ecclesiastical promocion be understanded, such as hath not speciall care of soules.

To the Quene - - - -	liij^{s} iiij^{d}.
Lord Chauncelor - -	viij^{s} x^{d} *ob.*
Clerck - - - -	iiij^{s} v^{d} *ob.*
Archbishop - - -	xvij^{s} viij^{d}.
Commissary - - -	iiij^{s} vj^{d}.
Register - - - -	iiij^{s} vj^{d}.

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At Richemond, the xvjth of January, 1578.

Present:—

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlai[ne].
Erle of Leicester.	Both Mr. Secretaries.

The piracy fines.

This daie Nicholas Hasborough and William Wodd of Dunwiche in Suffolk, and Reynold Hopton of Sowthwold in the said countie, and William Person of Yarmowthe in Norffolk, beinge bound to appere here before their Lordships for refusing to paie suche fynes as have bene putt uppon them for matters of piracie, have here appered accordinglie, and are enjoyned to attende here uppon their Lordships untill they shall give order for their discharge.

A letter to the Commissioners for matters of piracies in the countie of Suffolk that wheras Thomas Lewgar and William Thomson of Chelmondeson, refusinge to paie the fines assessed uppon them by the letters of their Lordships, appere before their Lordships, and forasmuch as [they] alledge that they are guiltles, and by the presentmentes it appereth that they no otherwise dealt with pirattes but onlie apprehended the boye of the pincke, they are required to receave onlie of them the v^{li} which they have for the coles, and for that it

* Original marginal note.

maie be that the boie escaped by the gaoler's default, to examine that pointe and if default be founde in him to set some reasonable fine uppon him.

A letter to the Commissioners for piracies in the Five Portes that whereas Robert Piers and Francis Bolton, presented for buyinge of salt, wood and herringes of pirates, refusing to paie their fines, appered before their Lordships, Piers pretendinge to have committed no such facte, and that he was sick and absent at the time of the presentment; they are required eftsoones to examine that pointe, and to heare what he can alledge for his purgacion, and if it shall fall out against him, then to certifie his habilitie and how in reasonable sorte he maie be fined; and where Bolton denieth not to have bought the herringes of De Grange, the Frencheman, but of Depon, a French merchaunt in Rye, being trewe men's goodes to his knowledge, they are also required to examine that pointe and of both to certifie their Lordships.

To the Bishop of Winchester that where he desireth to be discharged of the custodie of Dr. Watson in respect that his Lordship intendeth for recoverie of his healthe to repaire to London, his Lordship is required to bringe the said Watson thither with him, who, for like infirmitie, desireth also to goe thither, and further order shalbe taken for his custodie. p. 376. Dr. Watson.

Six severall warrantes to the Threasurer of her Majesties Chamber for plaies presented before her Majestie, viz.; by the Children of Poules one, by the Children of [the] Chappell one, by the Lord Chamberlaines two, and the Erle of Leicester one, and by the Erle of Warwicke [one]. Payments for plays.

To the Lord of Upper Osery that where uppon the retourne of the Lord Deputie of that Realme their Lordships be advertised that a letter heretofore written to the said Lord of Upper Osery, about July last, came not to his handes, in which letters weare conteyned not onelie her Majesties thankes, but their Lordships' also, for his service done uppon A loyal Irish Peer.

that rebell Rore Oge, he is nowe eftesones thanked and commended by this letter for the same service.

Witchcraft and waxen images.

To Sir Henry Nevell and the Deane of Windesor that where emongest certeine examinacions of wiches taken at Windesor mencion is made that they have made away and brought to their deathes by certen pictures of waxe certen persones, for so muche as it is knowen that there hath bene latelie discovered a practise of that device very likelie to be intended to the distruccion of her Majesties person, they be required to examyn whether the said witches be any thing acquainted with that device, or who made those pictures or whome they knowe to be skillfull or practisers in it, and finallie what otherwise they think meet to be inquired of for the discovery of the said develish device.

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London and Norwich.

To the Lord Maiour of London that where about a yere and a half past, upon a contraversie betwixt the Cittie of London and the cittie of Norwiche about the examinacion of newe customes uppon certeine wares of the towne of Norwiche, the hearing of the cause was referred to the ij Lordes Chefe Justices to sett downe their opinion in lawe, and the matter being argued before them by the lerned counsell on eche side, and thereuppon the said Justices (as it is informed) willed eche part to deliver unto them the wordes of their charter that concerned that matter, the which they of Norwiche did, and they of London (as it is said) did not, but do contynue their clayme with all extremities belonging to the same, a matter not well liked of by their Lordships; for so muche as they of Norwiche be here to followe the complaint of their greyfes, his Lordship is required to send hether some persones sufficientlie instructed in that matter by Sonday next in the forenone, that uppon the hearing of that which shall be said on eche parte there may be suche order sett as the cause in justice shall require.

An officer assaulted.

To Sir Thomas Scott, Thomas Honywodd, Thomas Wilford, where their Lordships be informed of an assalt made uppon John Warde, her Majesties servaunt and Capten of her Castle

of Sangate in Kent, by one William Jenkyns in the highway betwixt the said Castell and Mr. Honywoddes house, Mr. Honywodd testifieng the just cause of the said Capten's coming to his house, and the informacion being that Jenkyns was armed in a privie cote, they be required with as much expedicion as they can to call all parties before them that were present at the said fray, and all others that shall be thought meete by ether part to be produced for the testifieng of the manner and occasion of the said fray; and if it shall fall out that the assalt was made in such maner and so prepared as is informed, they shall committ the offendour in that case to her Majesties gaole to be answerable to thoffence according to the lawe; and how soever it shall fall out they are willed to give order for the preservacion of her Majesties peace, and otherwise to procede as the cause shall require according to the due course of the lawes.

* Richemond, the 20 of January, 1578. p. 378.

Subscribed by:—

Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Comptroler.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

To the two Lordes Chefe Justices that where a contraversie betwene the citezens of London and Norwiche about a clayme of newe costome for wares brought from Norwiche was about a yere and a half agone referred to their hearing to sett downe their opinions in lawe, and that the matter being debated before them by their lerned counsell on bothe sides, they required eche part to deliver the wordes of their chartres towching that matter, which is enformed to be done accordinglie, they of London delivering their's to the Chef Justice of the Commen Please, and they of Norwiche to the Lord Chefe Justice of England; their Lordships desiring an ende of the London and Norwich.

* The place, date and names are given in the margin.

strife, and some of Norwiche depending here for that onelie cause, the said Justices be required, with as muche spede as they may, to retourne their opinions in writing, to the ende that there uppon their Lordships may have furder order as right shall require.

Piracy.

A placard to all Viceadmiralls and other her Majesties officers for the assistance of processe out of the Court of thadmiraltie for the recoverie of certeine goodes belonging to ————————, Scotishemen, staied as wreck uppon the sea coast of Sussex.

* Delivered to the parties themselfes.

To the Commissioners for matters of piracie in the countie of Suffolk in the behalf of Nicholas Haisborrough and William Woodd, Bailifes of Donwiche, and Reynold Hopton of Southwold, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

* Delivered also to the said William Peirson.

An other letter to the said Commissioners in the countie of Norffolk, conteyned all in one paper, in the behalf of William Peirson of Yarmowthe in the said countie of Norffolk.

† At Richemond, the 22 of January.

Subscribed by:—

The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Comptroler.	

The London butchers.

To the Lords Chefe Justice and Chefe Baron and Mr. Attourney-Generall, with a peticion inclosed exhibited by certeine butchers of London, the same beinge very worthye of consideracion and no lesse to be granted then therein is required; they are therefore willed aswell by calling all the parties before them whome the same towcheth, as by all other good meanes to take order that the abuses may be amended, and suche a course holden as the offendours may receive

* Original marginal notes.

† The place, date and names are given in the margin.

suche ponishement as is due unto them by the lawes of the Realme, &c.

A Commission for post horses to John Uvedall and his servant, to repaire to therle of Pembroke in hast, upon which the said Erle being to come to the Courte with his trayne, it is required that he maie be furnisshed with sufficient and hable horses for him self, his trayne and his carriages. Lord Pembroke.

To the two Lordes Chefe Justices that where a good while sithence uppon a contraversie rising betwene the citezens of London and the citezens of Norwich about certeine newe customes claymed by them of London uppon certen wares brought thether from Norwiche, the same matter being referred to the said Lordes Chefe Justices to sett downe their opinions therein in lawe, which matter having bene debated before them by the lerned counsell on bothe sides, ether of the said parties weare required to deliver the wordes of their charters towching that matter, which they of London have delivered to the Lord Chefe Justice of the Commen Pleas, and they of Norwiche to the Lord Chefe Justice of England; and for as muche nowe as an ende is desired of that contencion, and that there be nowe presentlie here some of the cittie of Norwiche to attend that cause, they (*sic*) said Lordes Chefe Justices be therefore required uppon the consideracion of the said charters to sett downe their opinions in lawe under their handes, and to send the same hether to their Lordships, that thereuppon they may procede to some order for the ending of that strife according to justice, &c. p. 379. London and Norwich.

To the Lord Keeper that where the complainauntes against Sir John Throgmorton towching the commen have procured and served processe uppon him and others for their apparence in the Sterre Chamber this Hillarie Terme, and that Sir John Throgmorton thereuppon alledging that he is imploied in her Majesties service in the countrey where he dwelleth, he maketh request for one of these iij thinges: ether to have a Commission graunted to take his and the defendantes' answer in the cuntrey, or that their apparence Sir John Throgmorton's enclosures.

may be deferred till Ester Terme, or els to be dispensed withall to be absent from her Highnes' service in the cuntrey; his Lordship is therefore desired that if the preceptes be not allreddy sent forthe for such thinges as Sir John Throgmorton hath to do for her Majesties service in the cuntrey, that then it is thought convenient, for the true understanding of the state of that controversie, that the said Sir John Throgmorton, with iiij other of the defendentes best instructed to answer the trouthe in that parte, should make their apparence according to the said processe, for that so many of the contrary parte be appointed to attend here for that matter; but if the preceptes bè allredy gone forthe, so as without breaking of order Sir John Throgmorton maye not come upp, then it is thought resonable in their Lordships' opinions that a Commission be granted forthe to take the answers of him and the rest that do not appere; and that onelie fower, as is aforesaid, should make their apparence by the daie appointed in the processe, and that good regard be had by the said Lord Keeper that the Commission may be directed to gentlemen of good creditt and indifferencie, such as be nether interessed in the cause nor beare any parciall affeccion to the one part nor the other; and his Lordship in that behalf liking thereof the said Lordes here do give their assentes thereunto.

p. 380. A case of fraud. * To the Keper's man, dwelling at the White Lion at Kingston.

To Sir Foulke Grevill, knight, and ——— Eglyonby, esquire, that where John Bailie and Robert Blount of Lichefeld, cappers, being aucthorised by her Majesties Letters Patentes to make inquirie and use all good meanes for the recoverie of such sommes of money as should be founde due to her Majestie uppon the forfeiture of the Statute for wearing of cappes on the Saboath (*sic*) daies, &c. in the 13 yere of her Majesties reigne, to the ende that the money so recovered should be imploied to the mayntenance of the misterie of capping in certeine decaied townes of this Realme, as by the said Letters Patentes nowe in the custodie of the said John

* Original marginal note.

Bailie, bearing date the 20 of January in the xviijth yere of her Majesties reigne, more at large it may appere; for as muche as the said Bailie hath bene charged before their Lordships that he hath received great sommes of money, and hath not made delivery thereof to the uses appointed by the Letters Patentes, he hath bene by their Lordships' order committed to the Marshalsey, where, having remayned for a good tyme, it is nowe thought convenient by them that he should be enlarged uppon bondes with suerties to her Majesties use to yeld an accompt to the said Mr. Grevile and Mr. Eglyonby of his doinges in that behalf, they be therefore required and auctorised by these letters in the behalf of the townes to whome the benefitte of her Majesties graunte was intended to calle all suche persones before them as they shall think necessarie for the discoverie of the verie trouthe of his dealinges, and after the understanding of the true stat of the matter, to use all good meanes that they can with the assent of all parties to sett such finall order therein as they shall think resonable; for the better doing whereof not onelie the said Bailie is nowe sent to give his attendance uppon them for that purpose, but also the true copies of suche bandes as he and his suerties are entered into for the performance of their order, and also a note of the said Bailie's receptes, with such examinacions as have bene taken of him thereuppon by Mr. Doctor Dale; and if at his repaire unto them his suerties shall then signifie that they mislike to stand any longer bound for him, or that it shall be thought by the said gentlemen and others interessed in that cause that the suerties be not of sufficient habilitie to answer the performance of suche order as shallbe thought meete to be sett doune in that case, then it is referred to their discrescions ether to take newe suerties of him there, or otherwise to take such order as to their judgementes shall be thought resonable, ether by imprisonement or any other safe way.

To the Lord Chefe Justice of her Majesties Benche that where not long sithence there hath bene some paines taken by their Lordships to make some resonable composicion

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The Queen's Bench Prison.

with the creditours of Edward Atkinson, a vintener of London, being growen behind hand rather by suertieshipp then by any misgovernement of his owne, and emongest others one John Robotham, gentleman, condiscending once to an agreament for some debt betwixt them, doth nowe fall from the same rather of willfull extremitie then uppon eny resonable occasion; and albeit he hath bene sundrie waies delt withall to be reduced to his former agreament, namely, by Mr. Secretary Walsingham, who required him for that cause to make his apparence before their Lordships, yet being so willfullie inclined to extremitie, he doth not onelie disobey to make his apparence at the tyme appointed, but by conjecture he intendeth with all spede to prosecute the uttermost advantage against the said Atkinson; and all be it their Lordships have no meaning to do any thing to the hinderance of justice, yet in respect of the maynteyning the creditt of a commandement given in such sort to a man of no better quallitie then he is, it is thought resonable to pray his Lordship that any furder proceding in the said execucion may be by your order staied untill such tyme as the said Robotham shall make his apparence before us (not withstanding any calling on of his to the contrary), and this being sufficient for the purpose, &c.

At Westminster, the 25 of January, 1578.

* Westminster.

The presence:—

The Lord Threasurer.	The Lord Hunsdon.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroler.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretarie Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A passport.

A passport for Haunce van Constance, servaunt to the Spanishe Ambassadour, to passe from hence into Fraunce and so to Spayne in the affaires of the said Ambassadour.

* Original marginal note.

A letter to the Bishop of Worcester, Vice President of Wales, with certeine examinacions inclosed towching the disorders used in the house of John Edwardes of Chirk, in the countie of Denbigh, towching Papistrie, according to the minute bothe of the letter and examinacions remayning in the Counsell Chest. Popery in Wales.

At Westminster, the xxvjth of January, 1578. p. 382.

At this daie Thomas Ridgewey of Torbay, esquire, being bound before therle of Bedford and other the Commissioners for matters of piracy in the countie of Devon to make his personall apparence here at this day for those causes, hath here appered accordinglie and desireth to have the same recorded, being willed to attend here untill he shall be discharged by the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Counsell. Appearance before the Clerk.

At Westminster, the xxvijth of January, 1578.

The Lord Keper.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Chamberlayne.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
	Sir Walter Mildmaye.

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paie unto John Gallett and other the servauntes of Mr. Fabian Phillipes, the somme of vj^{li} for bringing upp Robert Blades, a prisoner, from the Marches of Wales. A Welsh prisoner.

To the Erle of Bedford and the rest of the Commissioners for causes of piracie and pirattes' goodes in the countie of Devon, in the behalf of Thomas Ridgeway of Torbay, esquire, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest. Piracy.

To the Lord Chefe Justice and the rest of the Justices of her Majesties Benche, that where by the testimony of some of the Justices of Peace in the countie of Essex A doubtful charge.

and others of good creditt there their Lordships be informed that one William Butter, Lewes Sparhauk, John Upcher and Nicholas Fynche be presentlie to appere before the said Justices of her Majesties Benche uppon some proces awarded against them to putt in suerties for their good behaviour, which said parties, by the testimony aforesaid, are accompted very honest men and of good behaviour in their callinges, and have ever lyved without infamy or desert of suche reproche, and for that it is likewise informed that the informacions against them have proceded by some that have misliked their good zeale to the presente state of Religion
p. 383. established in this realme; the said Justices are therefore required to cause the said complaint to be examined and to here the answer of the parties accused, and that if it shall thereuppon falle out that they have not deserved such bondes to be taken of them, their Lordships doubt not but they will take care of the conservacion of their credittes, the rather for this mocion which is onelie ment to the furderance of justice, &c.

The 28 of January, 1578.

Appearances before the Clerk.

This daie Roberte Wekes of Dodington in the countie of Gloucester, gentleman, and Thomas Wekes, sonne of the said Robert Wekes, being warned to make their apparence before the Lords of her Majesties Privie Counsell, have nowe at this daie appered accordinglie and desier to have the same recorded, and they are commanded to give their attendance here from tyme to tyme untill some order be taken with them for their discharge by the said Lordes.

Also at this daie Roberte Tibbett of Salford in the countie of Somerset, husbandman, having attended at the Courte at Richemond ever since Wensday the xxjth daie of this moneth, doth nowe at this place record his apparence here, being willed to staie the same untill the coming up of the said Robert Wekes, and he is likewise enjoyned to

attend here from tyme to tyme in such sort as the said Wikes is, *ut supra.*

This daie the Alderman of the Stilliard in the behalf of himself and the rest of the Merchantes of that Societie makinge sute unto my Lordes, as he had don sundrie tymes before, that they mought transport out of this Realme 3,000 undressed clothes, parcell of a more somme before tyme graunted unto them by the Quene's Majestie, the transportacion of which was restrained unto them uppon informacion given to the Queen's Majestie that the Merchantes Adventurers, being her Majesties subjectes, had bene restrained of sundrie liberties and favours which they had heretofore used and received of the Free Townes of the Stedes; after good deliberacion taken by their Lordships, the Alderman and some other of the said Societie that attended the cause being called before them, it was pronounced unto them that uppon opinion conceaved by their Lordships that they wolde worke good offices to procure such answer betwixt this and the 25 day of Marche next as mought meynteyne [the] good and auncient amitie that had contynued betwixt the said Townes of the Steedes and the subjectes of this Realme, it was yelded unto and resolved that they should be licenced to transport the said 3,000 clothes, and it was therewith told them that if the Queen's Majestie weare not in that point satisfied with such answer as this favour did deserve, they must looke undoubtedlie to be recompenced with such measure as they gave.

* This order is to be noted in the title and presence aforesaide, viz., the 27 of this moneth.

The xxixth day of January, 1578. p. 384.

This daie John Parker of Norwiche beinge commanded to make his apparence here before their Lordships for some causes alledged against him concerninge his dealing with pirattes, hath here appered accordinglie, and hath attended by the space of viij daies past and desireth to have the same

Appearance before the Clerk.

* Original marginal note.

recorded, and he is commaunded to give his attendance from tyme to tyme untill he shall be dischardged by order from the said Lordes of the Counsell.

* The 28 January.

These letters followinge are to be entred, being subscribed by :—

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Mr. Threasurer.	Both Mr. Secretaries.

A Welsh prisoner in the Tower.

To the Knight Marshall or his Deputie in that office to deliver the boddie of Roberte Blades, a prisoner of the Marshalsey, into the custodie of the Lieutenant of the Tower.

A letter to the Lieutenante of the Tower to receive into his custodie the aforesaide Robert Blades, to be kept close prisoner without conference with any.

To the Lieutenante of the Tower, Thomas Randolph, Edmund Tremayne and Thomas Norton, or to anie ij of them, to take thexaminacion of the aforenamed Roberte Blades, and ether by furder promises or threatening speches to induce him to confesse the trouthe of the matters wherewith he is to be charged, and that there may be some fitt interrogatories drawne forthe out of such writinges and papers which have bene found with him to the which he may make answer; and that the said Lieutenante do bring forthe the said Blades to be examyned at such tymes as the said examinantes shall appointe, and of their doinges in this behalf to certifie their Lordships of such matter as shall thereuppon falle out.

Blackwell Hall.

A letter of request to the Lord Maiour of London and his brethern in the behalf of John Cottesford to be admitted to serve in the office of Master Fuller in Blackwell Halle in

* The whole heading is given in the margin.

London, the said Cottesford being commended to be suche a one as is thought to be both in sufficiencie and honestie a man able and sufficient to discharge that rome and office.

Westminster, the xxixth of January, 1578. p. 385.

Subscribed by :—

* The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Comptroler.	Sir Walter Myldmay.

Several letters.

To the Bishop of Lichefeld and Coventrie towching certen disguised Masse Prestes, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

To the Maiour of Newe Castle to take bandes for thapparence of John Yates within xv daies after the said bondes taken, to answer to such matters as shall be objected against him at his coming.

The like letter to the Threasurer of Berwicke for thapparence of the said Yates, if he shall be founde in that towne of Berwick; with a *post script* in bothe the said letters that it is thought good to declare to the said Yates that the cause of his sending for ys to testifie the trouthe of his knowledg in a matter betwixt one Mallory and him.

* The Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Tresurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A Cheshire culprit.

To Sir John Savage and Sir Lawrence Smith in aunswer of a letter of thers of the xiiijth of this present, that wheras by thexaminacions of one Jhon Houghton, which they receaved with the sayd letter, it doth appeer that Houghton hath bene and is a person of verie dishonest and unorderly behaviour, it was thought meet by the Lords that they should

* The names are given in the margin without date or place.

acquaint the Justices of Assises of Chester with his cause, and that he should be delt withall according to justice by the due course of the lawes; and wher it was alledged by some that made suit heer for him that some witnesses offred to be produced on Houghton's behalf were not examined by the sayd Sir John Savage and Sir Lawrence Smith, ther Lordships thought it meet also that, upon request made unto them to that end, they should take thexaminations of all such as on his behalf should be required, and to add the same unto ther former examinations, which ther Lordships sent them backe again at the same time, that upon consideration of thone with thother the state of the matter might be the better knowen to such as should have it in tryall, &c.

p. 386. An old dispute. To Mr. Seckford, Master of the Requestes, and Mr. Attorney Generall to informe themselfes of the state of a contraversie betwixt Sir John Conwey and Antony Bourne, aswell by calling the parties before them as by suche papers or notes as shall be delivered them with the said letters, and to certifie of their procedinges therein.

The last of January.

Appearances before the Clerk. This daie Thomas More of Gorleston in the countie of Suffolk, being charged for dealing with some pirattes' goodes coming uppon that coast, hath nowe appered here to make answer in the said cause, and hath here attended by the space of x daies and desireth to have the same recorded, and is appointed to attend from tyme to tyme untill order shall be given by the Lordes of the Counsell for his discharge.

This daie Rafe Leaver, Prebendarie of the Cathedral Churche of Durham, being commaunded by letters from the Lord President of the Northe to make his apparence here the first day of February next to answer to the complaint of the widowe Bonde of Billingham, hath here appered accordinglie and desireth to have the same recorded, and is willed to attend here from tyme to tyme untill he shall be discharged by order from my Lordes of the Counsell.

This daie William Cunstable of Cathropp, gentleman, and Thomas Bulmer of Levenyn, yeoman, in the countie of Yorke, being bound and commanded to make their apparence here for refusing to paie their fynes imposed uppon them for dealing with pirattes' goodes, have appered accordinglie and desier to have the same recorded, and are commanded to attend here from tyme to tyme till order be given by the Lordes of the Counsell for their discharge.

* The 3 of February, 1578. p. 387.

Subscribed by:—

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	

The Piracy Commissioners.

To the Commissioners for causes of piracie and pirattes' goodes in the countie of Suffolk, that where one Thomas More of Gorleston, in that countie, hath appered here by their order as one charged for dealing with pirattes and refusing to paie the fyne imposed uppon him for that cause, and having nowe appered before their Lordships and being chardged with his particuler faltes certified hether by the said Commissioners, he answereth for himself that he never was any dealer in any such causes nor any way to be accompted an ayder or meynteyner of pirattes or a buyer, seller or conveyer of their goodes, and that as he never confessed any such matter before any of the said Commissioners, so he refuseth not to committe himself and his cause to be inquired of by a jury, according as the said Commissioners be directed by their instruccions for that purpose; and thereuppon he is retourned unto them againe, ether to be induced to confesse his falt by such profes as are to be laied against him, or els to procede in the cause by a jury to be impannelled for that purpose, and to be delt withall

* The whole heading is given in the margin.

according to their instruccions; for untill that by one of those ij meanes he shall be found culpable, it is not thought resonable to charg him with any fine, and therefore they be required to use expedicion herein and to certifie hether of their doinges, that thereuppon their Lordships may procede further as the cause shall require.

Two other letters of the like effect to the Commissioners for the causes abovesaid in the countie of York, in the behalf of Thomas Bulmer of Levenyn and William Cunstable of Cathropp, being likewise charged for dealing with pirattes; they be ordered to be delt withall in all pointes as the above-named Thomas More.

French complaints. To the Capten of the Ile of Wight to cause one William Nutshawe to be sent upp hether to answer to certen complaintes made against him by the Frenche, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

Witchcraft and waxen images. To the Bishop of London that the bearer hereof is able and so hath promised to give him the names of certeine personnes in his Diocesse that are privie to the secrett keping of certeine images which are reserved to some ill purpose of sorcerie or idolitrie; his Lordship is therefore required to take order that the said personnes may be sent for before him or els examined in the cuntrey where they dwell of such matter as this bearer is appointed to sett downe unto his Lordship in writinge.

p. 388. To the Bishop of Norwiche that where their Lordships do understand that in Thetford and other places thereaboutes within that Diocesse there hath bene sene, not long since, in some men's houses certen images which ether are reserved to the privatt use of them that kepe them for idolitrie or for some other daungerous purpose of sorcerie or wichecraft, a matter to be carefullie looked unto and mett withall by all meanes possible, and therefore his Lordship is referred to the bearer hereof, to take knowledge of the names of such persons as are thought meete to be sent for, or at the leste to be examined in such places where they dwell uppon such articles

as this bearer shall sett downe, wherein his Lordship is required to take very dilligent care.

Obstinate recusants.

To the Bishop of Gloucester, Sir Giles Poole, Mr. Henry Poole, Mr. Richard Grene, in answer of their letters, sent to their Lordships the 28th of last moneth, towching their dealinges with certeine disordered persones in matters of Religion whome they cannot by any meanes bring to any good conformitie; they are therefore required to cause iij or iiij of the principall offendours in those cases, and speciallie such as do leade others by their sinister opinions to that lewde misdemeanour, that they may appere here before their Lordships, and that against the tyme of their coming upp to certifie the particularities of their errours and of the true state of their offences, that thereuppon furder order may be taken with them.

Unseemly conduct.

To the Maiour and Recorder of Thetford that where one John Sheringe of that towne hath bene by them committed to prison for some misdemeanour and contemptuous behaviour used towardes the said Maiour, who having nowe remayned in prison a good while for that falte, and that it is thought that this imprisonement may worke some cause to his amendement hereafter, and more duetiefullnes to the said principall officers of that towne, they be by these letters required to sett him at libertie, taking first bandes of him in the some of hundred poundes to her Majesties use for his forthe coming at all tymes hereafter uppon x daies warnyng to appere before their Lordships at the Court, where soever it shall then be, to answer to such matter as shall be laide against him.

The iij[d] of February. p. 389.

* The Lord Tresurer.
The Lord Chamberlane.
The Lord of Hunsdon.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

* The names are given in the margin.

Casimir of Bavaria.

To the Lord Admirall that whereas Duke Casimire hath passed the seas to come into England of great affection to see her Majestie, and that her Majestie tendring his good zeal towardes her hath great care for the conveighing of him over the seas again with safety, my Lords require him to take order for the putting of a shipp in redines with expedition, sufficiently furnished both with men, munition and other necessary thinges therunto appertayning, so as it shall seem best unto him for the strength and surety of the said Duke's passage, and to be redy upon the Downe on Saturday folowing ther to attend for him.

The iiijth of February, 1578.

Appearance before the Clerk.

This daie John Howell of the cittie of Exon, the yonger, beinge commanded to make his apparence here before the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Counsell uppon this iiijth day of Februarie, hath here appered accordinglie and desireth to have the same recorded, and he is enjoyned to give his attendance here from tyme to tyme untill he shall be discharged by order from the said Lordes of the Counsell.

Piracy fines.

A note of suche bandes as have bene taken of sundry persons in the countie of Devon for the paymentes of suche sommes of money as they are bounde to pay to her Majesties use for dealing with pirattes and pyrattes' goodes.

Inprimis, v severall bandes of xx^{li} a band of John Plumleigh of Dartmowthe, in the countie of Devon, yeoman, for the paiement of the somme of l^{li} in forme following, viz^{t}: x^{li} in Michelmas Terme which shall be in *anno* 1579; other x^{li} in Michelmas Terme, *anno* 1580; other x^{li} in Michelmas Terme, 1581; other x^{li} in Michelmas Terme, 1582; and the other x^{li}, the residue of the said whole somme of l^{li}, in Michelmas Terme which shall be in *anno* 1583.

p. 390. Item ij other obligacions of Roberte Plumleigh of Dartmowth, in the said countie of Devon, yeoman, the one of the

somme of xx^{li} for the paiment of x^{li} unto Mr. Henrie Killegrewe, esquier, one of the Tellers of the Exchequer, in Michelmas Terme, *anno* 1579, and the other obligacion of x^{li} for the paiement of v^{li} in Michelmas Terme, *anno* 1580.

One obligacion of Thomas Plomleigh of Dartmowth aforesaid, yeoman, of the somme of xx^{li} for the paiement of x^{li} in Michelmas Terme, *anno* 1579. } x^{li}

One obligacion of William Plumleigh of Dertmowthe aforesaid, yeoman, of the somme of v^{li} for the paiement of l^{s} in Michelmas Terme, *anno* 1580. } l^{s}

The moyitie of suche somes of money as hath bene imposed uppon all the aforenamed Plumleighs hath bene answered and payde in their behalfe by William Sutton uppon the 6 of February, 1578, so that there remayneth no more to be paid by them then is conteyned in the severall bandes above mentioned, the which moyitie is lxxvij^{li} 10^{s}.

All which bandes are appointed by my Lordes to be delivered to Mr. Henry Killigrewe, Receivour appointed for these causes, to the ende that uppon the paymentes made he may deliver them to the parties, or els uppon defalt of payement to cause them to be putt in sute to her Majesties use.

The vth of February, 1578.

Appearance before the Clerk.

This day Frauncis Griffin being commaunded by a warrant directed from Mr. Secretary Willsen to Morgan, one of the Messengers of her Majesties Chamber, to appeer before my Lords of the Privy Counsell, hath appeered accordingly and desireth that his apparance may be recorded; he is commanded to attend heer from time to time untill it shalbe otherwise ordered by my Lords of the Counsell.

Wine for an ambassador.

This day a suit beeing moved to my Lords of the Counsell by the Ambassadour of Fraunce that he might have license for 30 tuns of wine without paying of impost, my Lords have graunted him license for xv.

p. 391.

The viijth of February, 1578.

Appearance before the Clerk.

This daie Henrie Robertes of Bristowe, merchant, being sent for by commandement from the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Counsell to make his personall apparence before them for such causes as should be objected against him at his coming, hath here appered accordinglie and desireth to have the same recorded, whereuppon he is enjoyned to give his attendance here from tyme to tyme untill he shall be discharged by order from the said Lordes of the Counsell.

Westminster, the viijth of February, 1578.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer } Sir Henry
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroler } Sidney.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
The Lord Hunsdon.	

A ship detained.

A letter to the Erle of Bedford to examyn the matter complained uppon against the officers of Plymowth and one Heale, towching the stayeng of a shipp and imprisonyng of a servaunt of Sir Henry Ratclife, knight, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

A rebuke to the Piracy Commissioners.

A letter to the Commissioners for causes of piracie and pirattes' goodes in the countie of Yorke in the behalf of Thomas Bulmer and William Cunstable, that where they have appered here, by order from the said Commissioners, as persons charged for dealing with pirattes, and not answering the fyne

imposed uppon them for that cause and being nowe before their Lordships called and charged with their particuler faltes certified hether by the said Commissioners, they answer that they have bene no dealers in any such causes, nether that they have bene maynteyners, abettours or conveyers of any goodes of the said pirattes, nor ever have confessed any such matter before the said Commissioners, nor have bene found culpable therein by any jury; and for so muche as it appereth that the said Commissioners have not inquired of those matters according to their instruccions directed to them in that behalf, it hath bene thought resonable to retourne them againe unto the said Commissioners to be delt withall, p. 392. and induced ether to confesse their faltes by such profes thereof as may be laide against them, or els to be inquired of by a jury to be impannelled for that purpose, for untill they shall be found culpable therein there is no cause to impose any fyne uppon them; and the like order to this they are required to take with all such as shall hereafter be brought before them for these kynde of offences, and so to followe the direct course of their instruccions; and to certifie their doinges therein with expedicion, so that their Lordships being by suche meanes fullie instructed of the true state of every particuler cause, they may not have occasion hereafter to retourne any persons of such degree back agayne for want of good advertisementes of the quallities of their faltes, but to deale with them presentlie according as the cause shall require, &c.

Frobisher's ships to be sold.

To the Commissioners for the Northe West Voiage, that where by reson of the slacknes of sundrie the Adventurers in that voiage in bringing in such money as they are behinde withall for their adventure, many of the maryners and other artificers do remayne unpaide, and being not discharged be a dailie increase of the charges to the whole Companie, wherefore fynding no readier way for the paiement thereof then by the sale of all the shippes with their tacle and furniture, as of the wares and other goodes belonging to the Company, for that it is found by experience that the freight of suche

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ewer as came in the hired shippes was brought home better chepe then the other in the Companies owne shippes, which nowe being not used do lye unprofitable and runne to decay; the said Commissioners be therefore required to make choice of certeine meete persons to take the viewe and estimatt of the said shippes with their furniture and of their wares and goodes as is aforesaid, the true inventorie and diverse parcells whereof Michael Lock hath in his custodie, and the same estimatt so being made, to certifie their Lordships thereof and what somme it amounteth unto and what the same hath cost all maner of waies, that thereuppon the said Commissioners may be directed for the presente sale of the said shippes and the premisses for the satisfieng of the pore men that served in the last voiage and be not yet paid.

And whereas the said Commissioners weare willed to calle Mr. Furbusher and Michaell Lock to their accompt for the said voiage and that the same accompt should have bene taken by the xth of January last past, which is not yet done, they are eftesones required to send for the said parties and take presentlie their accomptes and to certifie the same hether; and, lastelie, to advertise their Lordships what they have found in the ewer which was last melted downe.

p. 393. * The order betwene the cittizens of London and the cittizens of Norwich.

Whereas uppon complaint exhibited unto the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Counsell heretofore in the behalf of the inhabitantes of the cittie of Norwiche, declaringe that the Lord Maiour and Commen Counsell of London the xxviijth of October in the xviijth yere of her Majesties reigne did by their Proclamacion in printe not onlie forbidd all wares and comodities cominge from Norwiche to be received or habored (*sic*) in any of their cittizens' houses, but also commanded the same to be brought to a Halle and there to be solde at certeine daies and howers, and not els where, imposing also certeine rates and sommes of money uppon the said commo-

* Original marginal note.

dities never before paied nor required; and uppon hearing of the answer of them of London, the matter by the mutuall assent of bothe parties was committed to the Lord Chefe Justice of England and the Lord Chefe Justice of the Commen Pleas to examyn their chartres of bothe parties and to deliver thereuppon their opinion in lawe to my Lords in writinge, the matter beinge argued before the said Justices by the lerned counsell of bothe partes, the Londoners, before the opinions delivered, eftesones aggreived the citezens of Norwiche by the exaccions aforesaid, and on St. Thomas' daie last renewed their Proclamacion, and thereuppon the cittizens of Norwiche complayninge againe, their Lordships wrote other letters to the said two Lordes Chefe Justices requiringe them for the purpose aforesaid to calle both partes before them, and uppon consideracion of the wordes of their charters and other their allegacions uppon the pointes in contraversie to retourne their opinions in writing unto their Lordships with as good expedicion as they could; and for as muche as it was this daie certified under the handes of the said two Chefe Justices by their letters unto the Lordes, which remayne in the Counsell Chest, that they having appointed the tyme and place to bothe parties to be the vth of this present February, at Serjantes Inne, where the said Justices weare in readines to heare bothe partes, and that they of Norwiche attended with their counsell lerned, and yet none at all came thether for the Cittie of London, it was uppon this significacion of the duetifull attendance of the cittizens of Norwiche and of the manifest defalt and delaie by them of London sene and considered, ordered by their Lordships and so commanded to be entred as an Act of Counsell, that the cittizens of Norwiche should contynue their trade of occupieng and bringing and selling of their wares in the Cittie of London as they had bene accustumed, without any exaccion or innovacion to be offered by them of London, untill they of London should by due order showe more sufficient cause before their Lordships for the contrary.

p. 394. The ix^th of February, 1578.

The presence:

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
The Lord Hunsdon.	

Scarcity in London. To the Lord Maiour of London, that where by reson of this extremitie of hard wether the passages to come to the Cittie, bothe by water and land, be so stopped as such provisions of victells, fewell and other necessaries can not be brought thether, he is required to take order that such provisions as be allredy there may be orderlie distributed as well to the pore as to the riche, and that order may be taken that all excessive banquetinge within the Cittie may be for a tyme forbourne, and that suche temperancie of diett with all sortes of people may be used as the provisions may indure the longer, &c.

Piracy. A letter of assistance of proces for William Rodier and John Pontcastle of Burdeaux, merchantes, for the recoverie of their shipp and lx tonnes of wyne taken from them by a flie boate belonging to Mr. Henry Seckford, and brought into the haven of Cardiff and other portes in the West Partes of this Realme.

Supposed theft of Royal plate. To the Maiour of Redding to apprehend one ——— Parry, a goldsmith of that towne, being one that useth to buy olde plate, and uppon his apprehencion the said Maiour with some of his discretest brethern straitelie to examyn him what plate he hath bought within these ij yeres, where he bought it, and of whome and where he hath bestowed the same, and whether he hath at any tyme bought any plate marked with the armes of England; and if he confesse the buyeng of any such, then what quantitie it was, where he bought it, and of whome and where he bestowed it; and uppon his examinacion to committ him to prison to be forthcoming,

and if any other person within their liberties shall be towched to have made any suspect bargaine with him, then to apprehend him likewise and committe him to prison as the other; and of their doinges therein to advertise their Lordships with all expedicion.

To Sir Christofer Heydon and Sir William Buttes, knightes, and the rest of the Commissioners for causes of piracie and pirattes' goodes in the countie of Norffolk in the behalf of John Parker of Norwiche, merchant, to be delt withall in every respect like as is conteyned in the letters sent to the Commissioners in Yorkshire for the like purposes in the behalf of Thomas Bulmer and William Constable in the title before written of the viijth day of this moneth. p. 395. The Piracy Commissioners.

To Mr. Robert Bowes, Tresurer of Berwike, and Mr. Selby, Gentilman Porter there, to require the delivery of certain malefactors in the slaughter of Thomas Foster of Torburn at the King of Scottes' handes, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest. Scottish Mosstroopers.

To Mr. Hercules Rainsford, Mr. Crumwell Lee, Mr. Couper, &c., Justices of the Peace in the county of Oxenford, that wheras ther Lordships were enformed by Sir Henry Lee, Master of the Game at Woodstock in the said county, that by reson of thextremity of the winter all such provision of stouer as he had made for the sustenance of her Majesties deer ther was spent, wherby ther was likely to ensue great mortality amongst them without some present order were taken for ther releef, ther Lordships having care of the conservation of the Queen's game ther, being a place which should yeeld her so great plesure, require the sayd Justices to take order for the furnishing and carying of such quantity of stouer to Woodstock, to be taken up upon resonable prices in the country therabout either of her Majesties tenantes or others, as might be thought resonable for the nourishing of the deer ther so long as the hard wether should endure and untill they might have sufficient food within her Majesties groundes ther, but with such moderation as the said The deer at Woodstock.

stouer might be taken up in places wher it might best be spared without the great hurt of any, especially the porer sort.

p. 396. The xjth of February, 1578.

Ludovic Greville. This day Mr. Ludowike Grivell being commaunded by a Messinger of the Chamber from my Lords of the Privy Counsell to appeer before them, hath heer accordingly made his apparaunce and desireth that the same may be recorded, and is commaunded to attende from time to time untill order shalbe given by my Lords for his discharge.

Piracy fines. A note of certeyne bandes taken of sundry persons in the countie of Cornwall for the payment of suche fynes as are imposed uppon them for dealing with pirattes and pirattes' goodes.

One obligacion of Peter Killigrewe and Thomas Lower, for the paiement of xxv^{li} uppon the xjth day of February, 1578. } xxv^{li}.

By a certificate from Mr. Henry Killigrewe it hath appered that Thomas Lower hath paied unto him the sum of x^{li}.

* One other obligacion of the said Thomas Lower and Peter Killigrewe, for the paiement of x^{li} uppon the said xj day of February, 1578. } x^{li}.

One other obligacion of Thomas Davie and Oliver Carmynowe for the paiement of xxx^{li} uppon the said xjth day of February, 1578. } xxx^{li}.

The xvth of February, 1578.

The Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Tresurer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord of Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

* This entry has been struck out in the MS. and the marginal note added.

To Mr. Dean of Powles to receave into his custody a son of Sir John Throckmorton's, to be kept in his howse without conference or intelligence with any but his trusty keeper untill he shalbe examined. Sir J. Throgmorton's son.

To therle of Bedford uppon a complaint made by the Maiour and Bailifes of Exester against one Marshall, that commenced a sute in the Queen's Benche against one Degorie Baker, an officer, for taking a horse to be ridden in post by a Commission granted to the use of therle of Cumberland and the Lord Wharton that repaired into those parts; his Lordship is required to call the* ——— Marshall before him and ether to induce him to give over his action or els to take bondes for his apparence beffore the Lordes at such tyme as his Lordship shall appoint. Posting abuses. p. 397.

To the two Lordes Chief Justice and the Lord Chief Barron to consider of a contraversie betwixt the cittezens of Norwich and with William Fitzwilliams and Geordge Delves, esquires, her Majesties patentees for certen subsidie and serch imposed upon clothes made of wull, they ar required to consider of the patentes and the allegacions of both partes, and thereupon to return their opinions in writinge under their handes, that therupon their Lordships maie proceade further accordinge to right. The Norwich cloth trade.

To the Lord Justice of Irland in the behalf of one Robert Mackey, a Scottishman, who complayned to ther Lordships of the seyzure of a barke and certain goodes of his in Irland, as forfaicted, according to the minute in the Councell Chest; a pasport also graunted to the sayd party for to make his repair into Irland. A Scottish claim.

To the Bishop of Norwich that wheras their Lordships had committed the last sommer Michael Hart, Roger Martin, Henry Drury and John Daniel for refusing to come to the church in time of sermons and Common Prayer, into the custody of certain privatt persons of Ipswich and Bury, to East Anglian recusants.

* The corner of the page is torn off.

thend that conference might bee had with them by some godly and lerned men to reduce them to conformity, their Lordships pray the Bishop to send some lerned men unto them whom he shall thinke fitt to conferr with them and to understand ther conformity, and if it appeer unto him that, notwithstanding the long respite of time given them, they continew still in ther obstinacy, to charge the parties to whose custody they were committed, in my Lords' names, to deliver them to the Sherife of the shire to be delivered over by him to the Sherife of Norffolk, to be by him committed to close prison in the common gaoles of the said county, &c.

* The iij letters ar to be noted in the xxiijth day of this moneth.

To the Sherife of Suffolk to receave such prisoners as the Bishop of Norwich shall deliver unto him, and to deliver them over to the Sherife of Northfolk.

† To the Sherife of Northfolk to rettane such prisoners as shalbe delivered unto him by the Sherife of Suffolk, and to committ them to close prison in the common gaoles of that county, ther to remain untill they shal be discharged by my Lords.

Hearing Mass.

To the Deane of Poules, Mr. Thomas Randolph and Mr. Thomas Norton to examyne Sir John Throkmorton's sone, committed unto Mr. Deane's house for being at some assemblies where Masse hath been said and other exercises of Religion contrarie to the present state of Religion stablisshed in this Realme.

To the Lord Keper to graunt forth Commission of Oier and Determiner to the Bishop of Bangor, the Bishop of St. Asaphe, Georg Bromely, Henrie Townsend, Fabian Philips, William Leighton, Thomas Atkyns, Roger Pulston and Evan Lloid of Yale, for the triall of certen persons within the counties of Flint and Denbigh detected of hearing of Masses and using other supersticions contrarie to the present state of Religion.

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* Original marginal note.

† Part of this entry is written in the margin.

To Mr. Threasurer of thexchequer and the Master of the Rolles, with the certificate and answer touching the Forest of Neroche within the county of Somerset; they be required to call both parties before them, *videlicet*, Mr. Wadham for the commoners and Sir Richard Sherburne for my Ladie of Derbie, and to use all good meanes that they can to bring them to agrement so as the Ladie Derbie maie receive some reasonable of (*sic*) benefitte of her Majesties grant, and the commoners not to much hindered of that that they have heretofore injoyed. p. 398. Commoners' rights.

To Thomas Aldersey, Robert Dove, Richard Saltinstone, Englishmen, Martyn de Falia, John Rothermaker, Andrea de Lene, strangers, do decide a contraversie about the averadge of certen merchandizes loaden by Englishmen and strangers in a crayour of Bruges, to be dischardged at London; or if they shall finde anye difficultie, they shall, as apointed by their Lordships, require thadvice of the Judge of the Admiraltie, who upon the sight of their Lordships' letters is thought to be reddie to give his beste assistance. Average adjustment.

To the Justices of Assises in the counties of Salop and Stafford, whereas Arthur Blunte, accused for having in his keping certaine sedicious prophesies, confessed that he had the same of one Grene of Lichefield, letters were directed to the Buisshop there to examyne not only him but others that shalbe touched with that cause; for as much as there hath fallen out matter aswell by the Bishop's letters, examynacions and other papers as the whole course of Bluntes lyfe tending to wickednesse and disceipt, which is sent unto them back, theyr Lordships thincke it good that he shall receve such punishement as by justice his offence hathe deserved; and for that Grene semethe to be yong, and Nicholas Nevell symple, it is lefte to their discrecions to consider of their offences as it shall fall out; and where Blunte remayneth prisoner in the gayole of Shrowisbury, their Lordships thincke good that he shalbe removid to the gayole of Stafford, where Grene is, and there to put them to tryall acording to the lawes of the Realme. Seditious prophecies.

p. 399. The London soap makers.

* Uppon the hearinge of the controversie between Laurence Mellowes and the sopemakers of the Cittye of London, which by the Lords of her Majesties Privie Councell was referred to the Comptroller of her Majesties Howsholde and hir Highnes' two Principall Secretories, finding that Mellowes demaunded xviij^{li} for everie tonne of his seede oyle, and that the sopemakers wolde offer but xiij^{li} for the saide oyle, which in reason was judged to be to much under foote and greatlie to the hinderaunce of the saide Mellowes, considering the great chardges alredie disburced by him in making the said oyles, it is orderyd that the said sopemakers shall at any time or times within the space of one monethe next folowing receave and take of the saide Mellowes fourskoer tonnes of seede oyle at xvj^{li} the tonne, Cyvill gage, and fyvetie one tonnes of whall oyle at xvj^{li} the tonne, Bisquay casque, and to paye redie mony for the same, uppon the
p. 400. dooing whereof the said sopemakers shalbe dispenced withall and at their libertie to use bothe treyne and whall oyle in the making of their sope during the space of eightene monethes next following, as before the restreinte they were accustomed to doo, notwithstanding any bandes heretofore taken of them to the contrarye; and suche of the sopemakers as shall refuse to receave and take of the said Mellowes oyle as is abovesaide shall remayne still bounde, and not to use any other then Cyvill oyle and seede oyle made in Inglande in any soape to be made by any of them or by any other for them.

This 8 of Februarie, 1579 (*sic*).

James Croft. Thomas Wylson.

This order being exhibited and showed unto the Lordes of her Majesties Privye Counsel, the same was by them allowed and commandement given that it shold be entred into the Counsell Booke.

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* This appears to be the actual order bound up with the MS. as the signatures are original.

Pp. 401 *and* 402 *are left blank, except that p.* 402 *has the following docket :—*

Februarij, 1579.

An order set betwene Mellowes and the soapemakers.

Westminster, the xix[th] of February, 1578. p. 403.

Present :—

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
The Lord of Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A charge of assault.

This daie uppon complainte made by Mr. ——— Norwich, gentelman, that he hadd been stricken by ———————, servaunt to the Lord Mordaunt, the said Lord Mordaunt was called before their Lordships and commanded that his said servant shoulde be forthecomyng the Saturdaie followinge, the which his Lordship promised shoulde be performed, and so beinge further commaunded that her Majesties peace shoulde be kept they were for that tyme dismissed.

Dr. Watson.

To the Bishop of Rochester that where Doctor Watson, committed to the keping of the Bishop of Winchester, is by occasion of sick[ness] of the Bishop to be removed, and is ordred to remayne with the said Bishop of Rochester, his Lordship is required to take him in to his chardge, to use all good meanes to bring him to conformitie, and to have reguard that he have no such conferrence nor repaire as he maie corrupt others.

To [the] Bishop of Winchester to give him notice what is done, and to require him to give order that the said Watson maie be safelie delivered in to the custodie and chardge of the Bishop of Rochester.

Frobisher's ships.

To Sir Thomas Gresham, Sir Lionell Duckett and Thomas Allen, in answer of theirs of the xiij[th] of this present

towching their doinges in praising of the shippes imploied in Furbusher's voiage, whereof their Lordships shewe to have good liking, and for further direction they be required that the Judithe, with her furniture and the impleamentes remayning in the house of Michaell Lock, may be sold for the paiement of the myners, maryners and others of the porer sort that served in that voiage; and their Lordships do wish that by their good meanes some man wold lay out present money for their discharge, and take the same againe upon the sale of the said shipp and goodes; and touching the Ayde and the rest of the shippes praised, they are appointed to remayne as they did till her Majesties plesure be knowne, and thereuppon they shall receve furder direction.

p. 404. At Westminster, the 24 of February, 1578.

Great Yarmouth and the fish trade.

A Decree made by the Lordes and others of the Quenes Majesties Privy Counsell uppon a matter in contraversie betwene the towne of Great Yarmowth in the countie of Norffolk, and the townes of Gorleston and Littell Yarmouth and other townes in Suffolk, after divers hearings of bothe partes and putt in writinge, and subscribed the 24 day of February, in the 21 yere of the reigne of the Quenes Majestie Elizabeth, and the yere of our Lorde 1578, in the presence * of :

Whereas uppon complainte exhibited before us by Henrie Gunsvile of Gorleston and John Hoo of Gonton, gentlemen, and William Frenche of Raystofte and John Foxe of Alborough, merchantes, aswell in their owne names as also in the names of the inhabitantes of the said townes and other the coaste townes of Suffolk, againste the Bailifes, Burgesses and Comminaltie of the towne of Greate Yarmowthe in the countie of Norffolk, the substance of which complainte

* No names are given.

and contraversie consisted in this:—Whether by the libertie of the said towne of Great Yarmowthe all kinde of marchandize, aswell fishe as other, being brought into the haven of Great Yarmowthe should be discharged and unladen there and not els where (except onlie to Gorleston, their oune proper merchandize and fishe brought in their owne bottoms and no other), which libertie is so challenged by the said towne of Great Yarmowthe, and for meynetenance thereof have bene by them shewed sundrie judgementes and decrees all affirminge the said liberties of Great Yarmowthe, not yet by any allegacions of the other parte justlie disproved; and for as muche as uppon the deliberate hearinge of the allegacions of bothe partes concerninge the said contraversie, there hath not bene shewed before us any sufficient matters to make voide the said liberties challenged by the said towne of Great Yarmowth by force of their charters, we do therefore order and decree that the said towne of Great Yarmowthe, and the Bailifes, Burgesses, and Comminaltie thereof, shall stand possessed of and quietlie hold and enjoye the said libertie by them claymed according to the said force, and that no deliveringe, buyeng or sellinge ether of fishe, herringes or other merchandize cominge into the said haven be made, kept or houlden, but onelie at the said towne of Great Yarmowthe, or where the Bailifes, Burgesses, and Comonaltie of the said towne will appoint the same to be, and not other where (excepting onelie to the said towne of Gorleston and Little Yarmowthe and the inhabitantes thereof libertie to lande and receive at the said towne of Gorleston and Litle Yermowth all suche herringes and fishe as shall be their owne, taken and brought into that haven in their owne boates and vessells, without any culleringe, frawde or coven, saving the ships of the said townes of Gorleston and Litle Yermouth, loaden with wull, leather, wulskynes, and other thinges whereof grete custome ought to be given, to be discharged in the same port in the same place where the Quenes Majesties Crone and Seale, called the Cocquett, do remayne and not els where; and for the better

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publicacion and observacion of this our order and decree, we do not onelie will and requier the said complaynantes to publishe the tenour thereof in the said coaste townes, but also have ordered that the Justices of Assise of the said countie shall be by us required to give in charge to the Justices of the Peace there to have good regarde that the same may be performed and putt in due execucion without any maner of disturbance; and that if any person or persones shall willfullie breake this our order, that then the next Justices of Peace of the said countie to take sufficient bonds of the said partie to appeare before us and answer his contempt in that behalf; this our order and decree to stand and remayne in full force untill suche tyme as the said complaynantes or any other in the behalf of the said townes shall justlie shewe and prove before us suche good matters as may move us to revoke and alter this our present order and decree. At Westminster, the day and yere above written.

Westminster, the xxjth of February, 1578.

* The Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Vischamberlan.
The Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord of Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Comptroller.	Sir Walter Mildmay.

Dover harbour. To the Lord Cobham that whereas my Lords weare enformed by a letter wrytten from the Maiour and the Jurates of Dover unto the Lord Cobham that by reason of certaine laite tempestes and other violent accidentes the sea hadd made a greate breache within the harbourough of the said towne, to the greate empareing theareof withowte some speedie remedie weare used, their Lordships requiring him to geve present order to his Liewtennante of the Castell of Dover to call unto him some speciall and choyce men, whome he shall thincke meete for that purpose, to take

* The names are given in the margin.

vewe of the saide harborough, and to consider substancyally by what meanes and with what chardges the sayde breaches may best be repayred; and thereuppon to advertise theire Lordships with expedicion of that which they shall doe thearin.

Westminster, the xxijth of February, 1578. p. 406.

The presence:—

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
The Lord Hunsdon.	

The law in Wales.

To the Vicepresident and Counsell of the Marches of Wales that where Frauncis Lawghern of St. Brides in the countie of Pembrok, esquire, late Shreif of that countie, hath bene called before their Lordships in the Sterr Chamber for stayeng the execucion of one Griffith Phillippes, being condempned for willfull murder, for which misdemeanour there is a fyne imposed uppon him, to be paid in her Majesties Exchequer and bandes taken of him accordinglie, they are therefore required to forbeare all furder proceding and to deliver into his handes all such bandes as have bene taken of him in that Court for that onelie cause.

The guilty Messengers.

To the Warden of the Flete declaring unto him that the order and decree to be executed uppon the Messingers under his charge for the rest of the ponishement yet to come to be executed uppon them, is ordered to be done according to the direction of the said decree viz^{t}: with George Muncaster uppon the xxiijth of February, and with Heighton the xxvth of the same; and for that part that is to be done in Chepeside, to accomplishe the same uppon Fryday the xxvijth of this presente February for the first day, and Wensday the iiijth of March for the second day, and in doing of the same to kepe the order in all pointes of the said decree.

Lord Clanricarde.

To the Attorney and Sollicitour Generall with certeine interrogatories drawne out of the whole somme of such matters as the Erle of Clanrickard is to be charged with, and the papers also conteyning the said matters at length, uppon which, when they have substanciallie considered, they are requ'ired to make their repaire to the said Erle, and to examyne him uppon so many of the said interogatories as they shall thinke materiall for the purpose to bring forthe the trouthe, and to retourne such answer as he shall make in writing under their handes withall expedicion, that thereuppon he may be furder delt withall as the cause shall requier.

A Worcestershire case.

To the Justices of Assises in the countie of Worcester to heare the cause of one Edward Radford of Kidermister in that county, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

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The Church in Ireland.

To the Lord Justice of the Realme of Ireland for some matters towching the pastorall charge in that Realme, according to the minute in the Counsell Cheste.

* Westminster, the xxiijth of February, 1578.

The Lord Treasurer.	Mr. Visechamberlain.
The Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Erle of Lecester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Controller.	

A clandestine marriage.

To the Judge of the Admyraltie and to Mr. Solicitour that wheareas my Lords weare enformed that one Worsley had stolne awaye the daughter of Sir Henry Lee, knight, and marryed her, contrary to the lawes of the Realme and all good order, theire Lordships require them to cause Sir Henry Lee to repaire unto them, and to call before them all sutche as he shall chardge to have delte in this matter, and by sutche suggestions as he shall mynister unto them to examyn them substancially, and to enforme them selves thoroughlie boathe of the state of the matter and of the offendours, and thereuppon to advertise theire Lordships of

* The place is given in the margin.

that which shall fall owte before them, and to take order that the offenders maye be fourthe cominge.

To the Bishop of Norwich.
To the Sherife of Suffolk.
To the Sherife of Northfolk.
} As appeereth by thentring of them in the xvth of this month. Three letters.

To Sir Walter Aston, knight, Thomas Trentham and Richard Bagot, esquires, Justices of the Peace in the county of Stafford, that wheare their Lordships were enformed that within the said county do lurk certain Masse Priestes disguised in serving men's apparail, or like other lay persons, and ar secretly receyved and entertained in sundry men's howses, to the perverting and seducing of many of her Majesties subjectes from ther dew obedience to her Majesties lawes and orders established in causes of Religion, their Lordships pray them to enforme them sellves by one Jhon Pain, vicar of Hanbury, of so muche as he can declare unto them upon his knowledg in such thinges, and to call unto them Edward Thorn, a gentilman belonging to the Erle of Shrewsbury, and one Thomas Shifford of Hanbury, and as so commaunded by ther Lordships to use ther assistance to serch in all places suspected, giving them enstructions for that purpose accordingly, and allwayes to take with them the cunstable of the place, and as neer as they can not to make serch but wher by good espials they have * [intelli]gence, ther is somewhat to be found tending to thos disorders, and to take order that the offendors may be forthcoming, and to advertise their Lordships in particular what shalbe done in that behalf. Priests in Staffordshire.

The xxvth of February, 1578. p. 408.

Subscribed by:—

The Lord Threasurer.
The Lord Chamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.
Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

* The corner of the leaf is defective here and the entry is continued in the margin.

The Church in Ireland.

To the Lord Justice in the Realme of Ireland to take order with Doctour Ackworthe and Mr. Garvie that they deale no furder in the exercise of the office of Faculties in that Realme till her Majesties plesure be further knowen therein, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

Mines in the North.

To Mr. Chauncellour of the Exchequer, the Master of the Rolles, Mr. Attorney Generall, Mr. Randolph and Mr. Osborne, or to any iij of them, with a peticion inclosed in the behalf of one Dariell Heighsteten, an Almayne, desiring some consideracion to be had for the furderance of the mynerall workes latelie by him erected in the Northe Partes of this Realme; and for that it hath bene found beneficiall to her Majestie, and the mettalls rising thereof verie necessarie for the Realme, and many pore men interteyned while it was kept in working, the peticioner is recommended unto them, and they are willed to calle before them all suche persones as the matter doth concerne, to informe themselfes by what occasion the said work was given over, and to devise by conference with governours and parteners of the said workes howe the same may be sett on work againe, or if they shall give the same over, then by what meanes it may be taken in hand, and of their doinges in this behalf to advertise their Lordships; with a *post script* that they do give notice to the governours and parteners of that work that if they refuse to paie that which in right they ought to do it is intended that they shall be sequestred from that Societie and others shall be admitted.

German students at Oxford.

A passeport for Wolfage Musculus, Randolph Wastmer and Jacobus Moserus of the cittie of Breame, having bene in this Realme studentes in Oxford for a certeine tyme, to passe home into their owne cuntrey with bagges and bagguages, and to be favourablie used for any thing they have nede of in their voiage.

p. 409. Westminster, the xxvjth of February, 1578.

A recognisance fulfilled.

This daie John Apsley of Pulborough in the countie of Sussex, gentleman, being bounde to appere here this day

before the Lords of her Majesties Privie Counsell by bandes taken of him by certene Justices of Peace in the said countie for that purpose, hath here appered accordinglie and desireth to have the same recorded, and he is enjoyned not to departe a waie untill he shall be there unto licenced uppon order given by the said Lordes of her Majesties Privie Counsell.

Delay of justice.

To the Justices of Assises in the countie of Stafford that whereas the Lords were informed by one Gregory Ballard of a sute in lawe depending longe betwene him and one Nicholas Bird for a certaine peece of lande, and that by the labour of his adversary the hearing of his cause hathe ben delayed to the hinderaunce of the poore man, their Lordships require them at the next Assise to be holden for that countie that they proceede to the hearing of the cause withall indifferency.

Westminster, the xxvjth of February, 1578.

The Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlane.
The Lord Chamberlane.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Erl of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Comptroller.	Sir Walter Mildmay.

Frobisher's expedition.

To the Lord Maiour of London that whereas ther Lordships were enformed that one Beton, a chirurgien, entertayned in a ship called the Thomas of Ipswich in the voyage towardes the North West, had entered an action before him against Thomas Bonham, owner of the said ship, and that the mariners of the said ship entend to do the like, and that the misdemeanors of the said mariners in the sayd voyage hath bene such as they rather desarve punishment then wages, and the matter not yet examined and determined, their Lordships pray him to give order that all sute in any of his Courtes may be forborn, as well of the said Bieton as of all others for this cause, untill the matter may be farther considered and ordered according to right.

p. 410. The Yarmouth fish trade.

To the Justices of Assises in the county of Northfolk with the coppie of an order and decree made and subscribed by the handes of the Lordes of the Counsell towching a contraversie betwene the towne of Great Yarmowthe in Norffolk and the townes of Gorleston and Littell Yarmouthe and other coaste townes in the countie of Suffolk; the said Justices of Assises are required to take order with the Justices of Peace of those counties for the due execucion and observacion of the said decree in all pointes according as it is sett doune in the same.

A contumacious recusant.

To Mr. Giles of ——— in the countie of ———, that where he being called before the Bishop of London and other the Commissioners for Ecclesiastical Causes for some notorious disorders properlie belonging to their aucthoritie to examyne and reforme, he hath not onelie refused to answer to the same, but by some indirect means hath obteyned a prohibicion to forbidd the said Commissioners to deale any further in the said cause, hé is therefore commaunded to make his undelayed repaire before their Lordships in the company of the Messinger to answer to the premisses.

Frobisher's expedition.

To the Commissioners for the Norwest Viages that whereas humble request was made unto their Lordships by one Newton, gentleman, that in consideracion of his greate charges in his laite viage to the Norwest he mighte receave some recompence, and particulerlie required to be releived by imploying to his owne use the eure which he brought in to Ireland, their Lordships require them to consider wether the saide eure may be graunted unto him without prejudice to the whole Company of the Adventurers, and thereupon to advertise ther Lordships of ther opinions.

* To Thomas Neale and John Conyers, Auditours appointed for causes of Furbussher's voyage, that where the Commissioners for that cause have certified that uppon view of accomptes

* This entry has afterwards been struck out.

there appeared m$^{cc\ li}$ vj^{li} (*sic*) xvj^{s} and iiij^{d} to be in the handes of Michaell Lock, and upon demaunde of paiement thereof Locke doth ask allowance of xij$^{c\ li}$ for his travell and paines in following of the causes for the voyages, their Lordships being willing to understand the particuler causes of the said allowance, do require the said Auditours to call Michaell Lock before them, and by conferrence to cause him to put the same down in writing, and therof to advertise with expedicion.

The xxviijth of February.

To the Deputy Governor of her Majestics town of Barwicke, and to Jhon Selby, Deputy Warden of the East Marches, to be assisting to the Sherife ther in leviing certain deptes for the Queen, according to the minute in the Councell Chest. Berwick accounts.

Westminster, the first of Marche, 1578. p. 411.

The presence:—

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

To the Shreif of the countie of Sowthampton that where uppon former letters written unto him uppon sute made by Mr. Puttenham to forbeare to deliver certeine landes in execucion which weare adjudged to Mr. John Powlett in accion of wast, their Lordships' meaning being but to respite the said execucion but onelie for viij daies, which be nowe expired, the said Shreif is by these letters required to procede to the finishing of the said execucion notwithstanding the former letters. George Puttenham.

To Mr. Neale and Mr. Conyers, Auditours for Furbusher's voiage, that where by letters unto their Lordships from Sir Michael Locke's accounts.

Thomas Gresham and Sir Lionell Duckett, knightes, and others Commissioners appointed for dealing in thaccomptes of the late Northewest voiage of Mr. Furbusher, it appereth that uppon the perusing of the bookes of accompte of Michaell Lock in his charg and discharg, there remayned in his handes of the Adventurers' money the last day of December last past the somme of mccxvj^{li} xvj^{s} iiij^{d}, and that uppon the demaund of the paiement thereof to the relief of the maryners, myners, &c., of that voiag, the said Lock demandeth allowance of xij$^{c li}$ for his attendance and charges in following the causes of that voiage, the said Auditors be required to calle the said Lock before them and to cause him to sett downe in particularities the causes of his demandes of the said xij$^{c li}$, and that they retourne the same under their handes unto their Lordships with as good expedicion as they may.

* This letter was delivered to John Parry, Clark of the Pastery.

To the Vicepresident and Counsell of the Marches of Wales with a letter inclosed directed to Mr. Comptroler, and uppon understanding that the partie complayned of in the said letters was in the Cittie of London, their Lordships caused him to be sent for and charged him with the particularities of the matters conteyned in the said letter, which he constantlie denyeng; uppon which deniall, for want of better profes to charg him withall for the understanding of the true state of the matter, their Lord-
p. 412. ships have thought mete to recommend the same unto the said Vicepresident and Counsell, and to requier them to calle bothe parties before them with suche profes as eche of them can produce for testifieng of the trouthe, and thereuppon to use the best meanes they can to sett some good order betwene them according to justice and equitie; and if they shall finde any suche disorders committed as is complained of and by the lawe do deserve ponishement, then to deale with the offendours according to their desertes, &c.

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* Original marginal note.

The iiijth of Marche. p. 413.

* Subscribed by :—

The Lord Treasorer. Francis Knolles.
Lord of Leicester. Both Mr. Secretarys.
Lord of Hunsdon.

A murder case. To the Justices of Assises of the county of Northampton that where one Nicholas Allen, servant to Mr. Stokes, standeth indibted of the killinge of one Nicholas Raclefe, late servant to the Lord Mordent, and is to be tryed at this Assises in the county of Northampton; the Quenes Majesty being informed that the cause against Allen is followed with more extremetie then the same in justice dothe deserve, theire Lordships signifie her Majesties pleasure that the said Justices should have care that he may receave his tryall with indifferency and uprightnes, and in case he shalbe found gilty by verdict they shall forbeare to geve judgement apon him for his execucion untill apon further consideracion of the cause her Majesty shall signifie her further pleasure.

Brigstock Park. To Sir Thomas Ciccell, Sherif of the county of Northampton, that where Mr. Stokes hath complayned that her Majesties Parke of Brigstock under his keping hath ben lately hunted, and her Heighnes' deere there killed in very disordered and spytfull manner, and that he intendeth to proceade against the offendours by inquiry, according to the due course of the lawes, their Lordships do requier him that in the impannaling of the jury to enquier for her Majesty he have speciall care that a choise be made of honest and indifferent gentlemen and other freholders of good lyvelehood, soche as be knowen to be no faverours of soche disorders and will proceade without partiallytie according to the trothe.

At Whitehall, the fifte of Marche, 1578. p. 414.

Appearances before the Clerks. This daie Thomas Ive and John Ive, gentlemen, and Roberte Starlinge of Dedham in the county of Essex, yeoman, being

* The names are given in the margin.

sent for before the Lordes of the Privie Counsell, made ther apparaunce the daie above written, and were comaunded to attend their Lordships' further pleasure and not to departe till they were so lycensed.

Westminster, the vjth of March, 1578.

A hard bargain.

To the Lord Chefe Baron, the Deane of Canterbury, Sir John Hales, knight, William Cromer, Richard Haiders, Edward Bois and John Bois, or any three of them, with a complainte included exhibited to the Queen's Majestie declaring a hard bargaine made upon the drecrieng (*sic*) of the coigne of this Realme for an anuitie of xviij^{li} yerelie, to be paid by the widdow of John Tisar chardged with many children; they be required to call both parties before them with their proves, and to use all good meanes to make an agreament with both parties assentes, or els to certifie in whom they shall finde the defaulte, that they may know how to proceade in case the matter shall be further complayned.

Death of Sir N. Bacon.

To the Mr. Popham and Mr. Windham, Justices of the Assises in the countie of Salopp, that where a contraversie betwixt the Lord Stafford and yong Thinne concerning the Castell of Cawse, depending before the Lord * Keper, remaineth undetermined by his death, and that it is thought that Thinne will proceade in that cause at the Comon Lawe, they be required that in case he shall attempt any thing afore them at this Assises they shall forbeare to deale in it, untill uppon the choice of a new Officer in the Lord Keper's place the matter maie [be] herd and ordered according to justice and equitie; and this was signified by her Majesties commandment.

Frobisher's expedition.

A letter to the Treasorer and Chamberlanes of the Exchequer that whereas it hath pleased the Queen's Majesty, by ꝛ warrant under the Privie Seale, to give order for the paiement of the sum of viij^{c} and two poundes ij^{s} and xj^{d} for

* From this point the entry is continued in the margin.

the buiing again of the shipp called the Ayde, of the Cumpany of the Northweste voiag; because there may be sume difficulty made in the paieng of the same mony bi reason there is no soche Corporacion or Cumpany in lawe, by reason ther Lordships conceave that her Majesty's meaning was that the said mony shold be paied to certen myners and laborers employed in that voiag, that they shold pay the same mony to Thomas Allen and Michell Lock for the discharging of the said myners and mariners, according to her Majesty's graciouse meaning, &c.

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Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Visechamberlan.
Erl of Leycester.	Bothe Mr. Secretaryes.

A letter to Sir Thomas Gresham and Sir Lionell Duckett, knightes, and to the rest of the Commissioners for the North West Voiages, to see the mony lately apointed by her Majestyes warrant under the Privie Seale to payed unto Thomas Allen and Michell Locke for the buiing again of the shipp called the Ayde, to be payed to the myners, mariners and others lately employed in that voiag, and to no other uses, so as they have not occasion to cume hither to make any further complaintes.

A placarde for certaine merchauntes of the Stilliarde, with a Commission out of the Courte of the Admiraltie for restitucion to be made of certeine goodes taken and spoiled by one Richard Scarboroughe and his complices in a shippe called the Boyer, whereof one Hanse Bruteman was master, laden with pitche, stockfishe, &c., and brought by the pirates to the towne of Grimsbye and other places in the countie of Lincolne, and there distracted into the possession of sondrie inhabitantes thereaboutes, that accordinge to the said Commission restitucion or satisfaccion maie be made for somuche as shalbe spent therof, and the persons that have ben receavers, aiders, &c., specified in the Commission, apprehended and sent unto the Courte of the Admiraltie. p. 416. Cases of piracy.

A letter to Richard Vaughan, Sheriffe of Carnarven, and Morice Wynne, esquiour, to have a due regarde to the execucion of a certaine Commission out of the Courte of the Admiraltie for th'inquiringe of such persones as have ben receavers of certaine merchaundises bought at Bristoll by some merchantes of the towne of Haverforde West, and afterwarde taken on the seas by pirates and uttered at Puklennye in the countie of Carnarvon; graunted appon a letter of the Judge of the Admiralty to Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Fish Days and Lent.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of the Citie of London requiringe his Lordship, with thassistaunce of his brethren, to take some earnest and diligent care for puttinge in execucion the good orders heretofore devised and committed unto him and others before him for the observacion of Fishe Daies, and speciallie the Lent time; and to inhibite all butchers to kill or sell anye fleshe, wherby the greatest inconveniencies for the eatinge of fleshe doe arise, especiallie in common innes, tavernes and victuallinge houses, so that none be suffered to kill or eate anye fleshe untill by good advise and with their Lordships' assentes they shalbe licenced therunto, and theruppon bandes taken in such forme as shalbe devised and requisite in that behalf.

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The Muscovy Company.

A letter to Sir Thomas Ramsey, knight, Alderman Boyer, Doctor Auberie, Doctor Forthe, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Owen, Mr. Alderseye, or anye fower of them, whereof Mr. Aubrey or Mr. Forthe to be one, that insomuche as the Companie of Merchauntes tradinge into the partes of Russia and Muscovia, by reason of sondrie their great losses on the seas by pirates, and otherwise havinge for the continuaunce of their trades taken up great summes of money by exchaunge, for paiment wherof their debtes growe burthenous unto them; they imposed the same by order amonge them selves indifferentlie uppon the Adventurers, taxing eeb one accordinge to the proporcion of his adventure, wherunto some refusinge to yielde thinckinge them not indifferentlie taxed, their Lordships have, at the request of the said Companie, appointed them seven, &c., to joyne with the said Companie both to looke into the

indifferencie of their said taxacion, as to be assistinge unto them for the levyinge of the summes aforesaid of the said recusantes, callinge them before them, and to certifie their Lordships of their proceadinges, and in whome anye default shalbe, that order maie be taken as shalbe thought convenient.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell of the Marches of Wales signifiinge unto them that the letters directed unto Mr. Comptroller were imparted [to] their Lordships, who havinge called the partie complained of before them, for that he denieth that wherwith he is charged in the said letter, and therfore without due proofe on bothe sides their Lordships cannot understande the trothe of the matter; their Lordships have referred the same unto their hearinge with suche proofes as ech of them shall produce, and theruppon that they would set some good order betwene them if it maie be according to equitie, and if the disorders (for that they seme verie greate) shall deserve punishment, then to proceade in punishinge th'offendours according to their desertes. A Welsh case.

Eodem die. Ralph Maynard, Thomas Lockey, Richard Lockeye made their apparance before the Lordes of her Majesties most honorable Privie Counsell, sent for by their Lordships' order appon certen examinations taken hertofore by Sir John Brocherst, Sir Henry Cook, knightes, and others apointed by ther Lordships' former letter for that purpose, and also bondes taken by the said officers for ther apperence when they shold be sent for for this purpose, and they and every of them were commanded to attend ther Lordships' further plesure, and not to depart from hence untill they shalbe expressly licensed by their Lordships to the contrary. p. 418. Recognisances fulfilled.

At Westminster, the ixth of Marche, 1578. p. 419.

Presence as before.

Sir John Conway, knight, and Ludowick Grevill, esquier, were called in before their Lordshipps, where the said Sir John made a long recitall of such matters as had passid Ludovic Greville.

betwene him and the said Ludowicke Grevill, wherto the said Grevill made sum aunswer; and forasmuch as the oultrage which had been committed upon the person of the said Sir John deservid for justice and example sake to be furder delt in in the Starre Chamber or otherwise as shold seme good to their Lordships, their Lordships' plesure was that the said Lodovicke Grevill shold be retornid unto the prison of the Marshalsie, to which he was before committed, to remaine untill suche tyme as they shold give other order to the contrarye; and in the meane tyme they both were enjoyned to kepe her Majesties peace for themselfes, their servantes and frindes, towardes eche other, their servantes and frindes, and thereupon both of them acknowleged to stand bound in a recognisaunce of one thowsand poundes to her Majesties use to be levied of their landes, goodes and cattels, &c., for the performinge and keping of the same.

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p. 421. Westminster, the xjth of March, 1578.

Present:—

The Lord Threasurer.	Sir Henry Sydney.
The Lord Chamberlayne.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
My Lord of Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	Sir Walter Mildmaye.
Mr. Comptroller.	

The Solicitor-General admitted to the Council.

This daie Mr. Thomas Bromeley, the Quenes Majesties Sollicitour Generall, was by the Quenes Majestie chosen to be one of her Privey Counsell, and in the presence of the Lordes aforesaid was sworne and admitted accordinglie, and did sitte as one of the rest of the Privey Counsell.

Piracy.

Two severall placardes on the behalf of Jacob Franson, with processe out of the Courte of the Admiraltie for the

apprehendinge of John Granger and other his complices, pirates, with their aidders, &c., who tooke and spoiled a certaine flyboate laden with herringes, &c., on the coast in Cornewall in February last past.

Weymouth and Melcombe Regis.

A letter to Mr. Thomas Bromleye and Mr. Attorney General that wheras at sondrie times a certaine controversie betwene the two townes of Weymouthe and Melcomb Regis have ben brought before their Lordships, which, notwithstandinge the Statute made in the xiijth yere of her Majesties reigne for the unitinge of them in one towne and Corporation, are at more variance then before, they are required to call before them such parties of both places as are presentlie in the towne for that cause, and who can enforme them what can be said on both sides, and uppon consideracion thereof to advertise their Lordships of their opinions what in lawe and justice they thincke meete to be done therin, that theruppon their Lordships maie take order accordinglie.

A private quarrel.

Letter to the Justices of Assise that where Richard Knight complainethe to have ben injuriouslie dealt withall by Thomas Blagrave and John Blagrave, his (*sic*) with diverse others, in takinge awaie from him his corne and fodder, wherby he him self is in great extremitie and his cattell like to perishe, they are required to call both parties before them and such other as the said Knight shall nominate unto them, and upon consideracion of Knightes Supplicacion sent herewith unto them and examininge of the matter betwene them, to make suche agrement betwene them as shalbe agreable to justice.

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* Delivered appon a token sent from Mr. Digby of the Privye Chamber to John Amyas of the Middle Temple, gentleman. 19 *Martij.*

A letter to Sir John Throgmorton, knight, requiringe him that where Simon and Reginalde Digbie, by a Supplicacion exhibited by them unto their Lordships and herwith sent unto him, they complaine that he hath not aunswered them of such legacies and porcions as both by their late father

* Original marginal note.

and mother's will, wherof he was made executour, they pretende to be due unto them; he is required either to content them or els to sende their Lordships a particular aunswer unto the said Supplicacion.

Paris Garden. A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paie unto Thomas Bowes, Master of the Game of Parishe Garden, the summe of five poundes for the bringing of the game there upon Shrove Tewsdaie last past.

p. 423. Westminster, the xijth of Marche, 1578.

Present:—

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

St. John's College, Oxford. To the Justices of Assises of the counties of Berks and Oxford in the behalf of the President and Scollers of St. John Baptist's Colledge in Oxforde, to be dischardged from Purveyours, according to their Letters Patentes for the same.

The Fleet Prison. To the Warden of the Flete to remove John Apsley in to his charge, and to kepe him prisoner within the Flete till he be further directed.

Payment for plays. A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paie vj^{li} xiiij^{s} iiij^{d} and iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}, by the waie of rewarde to Richard Farrant, Master of the Childerne of the Chaple, for presenting a plaie before her Majestie upon Shrove Mondaie last, being the ijth of March, 1578.

Several letters. A post letter to William Jusley, servant to Sir William Drurie, Lord Justice in Ireland, to repaire to his master.

To the Lord Justice of Ireland and to the Commissioners for calling in of her Majesties arreragies of debtes in the behalf of the Lord Archbishop of Dublin, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

To the Bishop of London in the behalf of Mistress Dedicott widowe, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

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Westminster, the xiijth of March, 1578. p. 425.

Present:—

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Chauncelour of thexchequer.
Mr. Threasurer.	
Sir Henry Sidney.	Mr. Thomas Bromeley.
Mr. Comptroller.	

A dispute as to land.

To Sir Henry Nevell in answer of his towching his dealinges with yonge Marmyon concerning the farme in question betwixt his father and the said Sir Henry; their Lordships do well like of the said agreament betwixt them, and do desier him to performe the same accordinglie, bothe for the paiement of the money on the daies appointed, as also to release his interest in the coppie hold and corne uppon the ground, which Mr. Doilies bergaine was to have had; and uppon the discharg and release made unto the said Sir Henry by the said Marmyon according to lawe, Sir Henrie to do all thinges for the finishing of this agreament as shall be necessarie; the doing whereof is speciallie ordered to be so by the order of the said Lordes of the Counsell.

The Durham Chapter estates.

A letter to the Lord Archbishoppe of Yorke that whereas their Lordships are enformed by the Deane of Durham that divers persones, havinge allreadie paid fines for such thinges as they holde of the Chapter of that Churche, cannot gett anie perfect assurance of their estates, by reason that uppon

the late Commission addressed unto his Lordship he hath in his handes the Booke of Statutes and the keye of the cheste where the Chapter Seale is; his Lordship is required to sende the said Statute Booke and keye unto the Lord Bishoppe of Durham, and he to see that the Seale be sett to the said estates accordinglie; and for the rest of the matter touching the Deane his Lordship is advertised that they are referred untill such time as his Lordship and the Deane shall repair hither after Easter.

Corruption in Wales.

A letter to the Justices of Assises in the countie of Glocester touchinge the complainte of Robert Longe of the citie of Glocester against Thomas Atkins, her Majesties Attorneye in the Councell of the Marches of Wales, chargинge him with articles of indirecte and unjust dealinges, wherunto the partie complained on havinge made answer, alledginge the greater parte therof to be untrewe, and the rest justifi-
p. 426. able by lawe and good order; their Lordships, thinckinge it convenient to have the matter tried and examined in the place where the parties are best knowne, have referred the matter unto their hearinge, sendinge unto them herwith both the complaint and the aunswer and certaine other papers for the openinge of the cause, requiring them at the next Assises to be holden in that countie to call both parties before them, and uppon deue examinacion of that which shall on eche side be produced for proofes and testimonies, and theruppon either to compounde the matter betwene them, or to punishe such as shalbe founde culpable in any matter alledged accordinge to lawe and equitie.

An Irish dispute as to land.

To the Lord Justice of Ireland in the behalf of Arthur O'Toole, claymинge certeine landes in that Realme nowe in the occupacion of Phelym O'Tole, and showing certeine bills signed to have passed the Seales of this Realme, which if it had bene don accordinglie shold have conveyed the inheritance of the said landes, called Pores Courte, which he claimeth unto him, which nowe by the imperfeccion thereo, and for that Phelym O'Toole who nowe occupieth that land

and hath done of a long tyme, being also a verie true and deutifull subject to her Majestie, and that this peticioner also by the report of the Lord Deputie nowe presentlie here hath ever showed him self a valiant soldiour and a true subject to the Crowne; his Lordship is therefore required, with the assistance of the rest of her Majesties Counsell there, to make some resonable composicion betweene them to the releif of them bothe, uppon the certificat of which composicion and agreament so made betwene them it may be confirmed by grante here from her Majestie; in which agreament making his Lordship is required to have regard to the contynuance of her Majesties rent and the performance of such covenantes as be conteyned in the said bills signed, and that also the peticioner in respect of his smalle habilitie to follow his sute may have a horseman's waiges appointed unto him out of some band in that Realme untill his cause may be determined, and that he may be licenced without check of his waiges to come over into this Realme as occasion shall requier for the attending of his sute.

p. 427.

A poor man's petition.

To the Justices of thassises in the countie of Norffolk in the behalf of Christofer Karvaile, complayning of sundry wronges done unto him in that countie as by his complaint hereinclosed may appere; they are required, in respect of the povertie of the peticioner, not able to seke redresse at the Commen Lawe, to take order at the holdinge of the next Assises in that countie, ether by themselfes or by some other indifferent gentlemen to be appointed by them, to calle bothe the complainant and the other parties to gether and to examyne the true state of the matters and to use all good meanes to redresse the wronges, yf they be such as is complained of, and to make some good agreament to ende the contencions, or els to advertise in whom the defalt shall be found, that their Lordships may procede accordinglie in case the matter shall be further pursued before them.

Plays prohibited in Lent.

To the Lord Maiour of London to take order within the Cittie and in all other places within his jurisdiccion that

there be no plaiers suffered to plaie during this tyme of Lent, untill it be after the Ester weke; and also to advertise their Lordships whose plaiers they be, and in what places they have plaied since the begynnyng of this Lent, and that this order may be observed hereafter yerelie in the Lent tyme, &c.

To the Justices of the Peace in Midlesex to forbidd all maner of plaiers in the Suburbs of London and other places neare adjoyning to the same, that they do not in any wise exercise the same during this tyme of Lent, and that this order may be observed hereafter yerelie during the tyme of Lent, &c.

* The Bishop's letter and articles unto their Lordships were also sent [to] the Bishop of London.

A letter to the Bishop of London that wheras the Bishop of Glocester hath sent up into their Lordships three persons who will not conforme them selves to orders in Religion but kepe conventicles a parte; for as moch as their Lordships are desirous that if it might be they were by sume conference with learned men reclaimed, the Bishop's man, who brought them up, is willed for two or 3 dayes to kepe them, and his Lordship ys required to send Mr. Foxe, Mr. Crowley and Mr. Blig to conferre with them and thereuppon the Bishop to enforme their Lordships.

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Spurious jewelry.

To the Lord Maiour of London with certeine examinacions and other notes for the detecting of certeine persones for the making and selling of certeine counterfect cheynes and jewells by the way of cousenag, being matters verie worthie to be serched out and thoffendours to be sharpelie ponished; his Lordship is therefore required to call unto him Mr. Alderman Martyn and some others of the Counsell of the Cittie skillfull and lerned in the lawes, and to consider of the substance conteyned in those papers and to procede to furder examinacions, and as matter shall fall out against thoffendours to procede with them according to justice and the quallities of their faltes, and in case they shall nede any

* Original marginal note.

furder assistance therein of their Lordships, uppon signifi-cacion thereof they shall be further assisted, &c.

Two warrantes to Sir Thomas Heneage, Tresorer of the Chamber, to pay unto the Lord Chamberlaine's players the sum of vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} for a playe playd before the Quene on Shrove Sunday, and iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} by way of reward, and as moche to the plaiers of the Erle of Warwick for a play on Shroves Sondaye (*sic*). Payment for plays.

* Westminstre, the xiiij of Marche, 1578.

In the presence of:—

Lord Threasurer.	Sir Henry Sidneye.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erle of Leicester.	Both Mr. Secretaries.

A letter to Sir John Brocket, Sir Henrie Cock, knightes, Philippe Butler and Robert Snagge, that where in the examinacions sent from them unto their Lordships in the depositions of Richard Gaiton and James Lee, it is contained that amonge other speaches uttered by Richard Lockie to the said Gaiton he should saie that her Majestie in the xiiijth yere of hir reigne should have been shott at with a gonne, and further the said Gaiton and Lee affirme that afterwardes the said speac[h]es were reported by Gaiton before the Maiour of the towne of St. Albon's and the most parte of his brethren, and that then the said Lockie denyed not the speakinge of the same; for that Richard denyethe before their Lordships ever to have uttered anye such wordes or confessed the same before anie, they are required to assemble themselves together and diligentlie to examine the matter, and to enquire of the Maiour and his brethren and such others as they shall understande can testifie the trothe therof, whether Gaiton reported anie suche thinge of Lockie before Lewd words. p. 429.

* The place, date and names are given in the margin.

them, and whether Lockie acknowledged the same, and herof to advertise their Lordships with speede convenient.

Westminster, the xvth of March, 1578.

Present:—

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlayne.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Thomas Bromeley.
Mr. Threasurer.	

The Fleet Prison.

To the Warden of [the] Fleete to receive in to his chardge, to be kept prisoner in the Fleete, Geordge Monoux, and there to detayne him till he shall from their Lordships receive further direction.

Spanish complaints.

To the Lord Cobham with a peticion of John Baptista de Sambitores, wherin he complaineth that a certen Spanish shipp, loaden with wolles belonging to the marchantes of Spaine, spoiled by pirattes, came to the handes of Piersey and others of Winchelsey; for as much as the same is within his Lordship's office of the Five Portes, he is required to call the parties with their proves before him and to ende it if he can with the assent of both partes, or els to certifie in whom the default is, that their Lordships maie know how to proceade in case the matter be further pursued.

One of Frobisher's squadron.

To Sir William Winter, knight, John Hawkins and the rest of her Majesties officers of her Navie to receve into their custody and charge her Majesties shipp called the Ayde, which latelie was imploied in the Northe West Voiage with Mr. Furbusher, with all her tacle, ordenance and furniture, at the handes of the Commissioners for that Voiage, &c.

Warrant for payment.

A warraunt to the Tresorer of the Chamber to paie unto Roberte Hyman, servaunt to the Bishop of Gloucester, the somme of five poundes for his charges in bringing upp certeine prisoners from thence.

To Sir Thomas Palmer, knight, Henry Goring and William Bartlet, esquiers, advertising them of the receipt of their letters of the xxiijth of February last past, towching their dealinges with John Apsley, a gentleman of that countrey, who interteyned one Bywater in his house as a scolemaster to teache his children, being suspected to be a massing prest; their doinges in that behalf be well commended, and they are advertised that uppon Apsleye's apparence here he is for his lose dealing in that matter committed prisoner to the Fleete, and they are willed to laie some secrett watche for the finding out and apprehencion of the said Bywater, and uppon his examinacion to charge him with the pointes of his disordinat demeanour against the lawes of this Realme established for Religion, specially for his refusing to come to the churche, &c. p. 430. A suspected priest.

To the Bishop of Gloucester and Sir Giles Pole in commendacion of their doinges for sending upp certeine persones that refuse to conforme themselfes in matters of Religion according to the lawes of this Realme established in that behalf, and that the said Bishop wold do his best indevour that some charitable conference may be had by some lerned ministers with such others of that secte that shall be found culpable within his charge in those schismes, &c. The Gloucestershire conventicle.

To Mr. Sollicitour and Mr. Attorney Generall, uppon thexhibiting of a coppie of a certeine order taken heretofore by her Majesties Counsell and Supplication presented by Thomas Wilford, President of the Company trading Spaine, that all forreine commodities brought into this Realme by the marchantes might be transported from hence by them againe; their Lordships seing no cause to the contrary thereof have sent the said Mr. Wilford unto them, requiring them, uppon consideracion of the said Supplicacion, to devise suche articles as they shall thinke meete for a graunt to be passed from her Majestie for the better aucthorising of the same unto them, and to send the same to their Lordships with all convenient spede, that further order may be taken therein; The Spanish Corporation.

and whereas the said merchauntes alledge that notwithstand-
p. 431. ing the former order they are molested in thexchequer by Leeke and others, they be required to signifie unto their Lordships their opinions for some convenient order to be taken therein for their indempnitie according to the effect of the said order.

Westminster, the xvjth of Marche, 1578.

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A charge of corruption.

To the Shreifes of London, Mr. ——— Owen and Mr Thomas Norton, that where by the report of one William Elderton, Androwes and Pryme, prisoners in the Counter, there hath bene some speches uttered there that one Harding, committed prisoner about fower yeres past to the Counter for clipping of coyne, was discharged for the giving of c^{li}, the which matter tending to the corrupcion of some that weare at that tyme putt in trust, their Lordships think convenient that the said Commissioners shall nowe presentlie repaire to the Compter, where the prisoners aforesaid be, and to examyne them uppon that point; and likewise to calle before them the said Harding, who is thought to be had about the Cittie, and to examyne him of the maner of his discharge out of prison, and if he paid any money for his discharge, then howe muche the somme was, and to whome it was given; and so by all meanes they can to finde out the trouthe, and to retourne their said examinacions hither as sone as they can under their handes.

Lew^{d} words.

To the Lord Darcie of Cheche, Mr. Parton, Mr. Harvie, Mr. Taye, or to any iij of them, to make inquirie of certeine libellers and slaunderous rymers latelie discovered in the towne of Colchester, that they examyne from man to man the doers, the devisers and partakers, and to advertise with spede.

To Mr. Sollicitour and Mr. Judge of the Admiraltie, or to any one of them, to take bondes of John Bourton, Vicar of Walthamstowe, in xv^{li}, and of Richard Ketle, parishe clerke there, and Alexander Hilton, servaunt to Mr. Monox, in xx^{li} a pece to her Majesties use, to be forthecoming to answer uppon resonable warning to such thinges as shall be laid to their charge touching their dealinges in the marriage of Sir Henry Lee's daughter, and after the bandes so taken to discharge them of their imprisonement, and all others also that are imprisoned for that falte in the Marshalsey, and that Mr. Monox him self is, by their Lordships' order, for that cause committed to the Flete. The clandestine marriage.

The xvijth of March, 1578. p. 432.

The presence:—

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Bromley.
Mr. Comptroler.	

To Mr. Doctour Lewes and the rest of the Judges Delegate betwene Mr. John Trever and his wief, or to so manie of them as shall apperteine, with the peticion of eche partie exhibited to the Lordes; they be desired to consider of the said peticions, and with the knowledge that they have otherwise of the pointes of the differences to retourne their opinions what may be done by my Lordes in justice for the furderance of some good agreament, the which their Lordships much desier, and do require them to use expedicion, to the ende that so uncomelie a sute may take an ende. A matrimonial case.

Whereas an order heretofore upon good consideracion hath bene sett downe by the Lordes that the tenantes belonging *The order betwene Mr. Lever and the widow Bonne.

* Original marginal note.

The Durham Chapter estates.

to the Deane and Chapter of Durham should not be putt from their holdinges, but uppon very speciall causes, as in the said order, dated the 7 of August, 1577, is more plainelie to be sene, it hath ben complained that Rafe Leaver, one of the Prebendaries of the said Churche of Durham, contrarie to the said order hath expulsed Margaret Bonne, widowe, from a tenemente in the este ende of Billingham, and the said Lever, being called before their Lordships for that cause and sundrie times delt withall, made answer for his excuse amongest other thinges that the same tenemente was granted in lease to Thomas Lever, his nephewe, and by him granted to Thomas Lever, his sonne, who, being within age had granted the same againe for certeine yeres to one John Stubberd, so as he pretended that he had no power in himself to make any state thereof againe to the said widowe; with which answer their Lordships rested unsatisfied, taking the said lease to Stubberd to be made during the tyme of the hearing of the matter, but onelie for a cullour to defeat the said widowe, and to avoide the observacion of that which was decreed by their Lordships, and ment to be ordered for the said widowe, but this daie, being called to make his resolute answer, he submitted himself to such order as it should please their Lordships to take in that case; whereuppon for as muche as in debatinge of the matter it fell out and was affirmed by Lever that Stubberd did paie xx nobles yerelie above the ordinarie rente paide to the Deane and Chapiter, their Lordships did order that Lever should ether suffer the widowe to enjoye the said tenemente during her lief, as other the tenantes in like case are ordered, or els to suffer her to have that yerelie rent of xx nobles paid by Stubberd during her lief, and, after her decease, the tenemente aforesaid to remayne to yong Leaver, according to his lease; at the publishing of which order in the presence of the Lordes, Leaver semed better to like that the widowe should have the xx nobles rent, but afterwardes alledginge that the xx nobles yerelie is paid by Stubberd aswell in respecte of the stock, being xxiij^{li} in money and cattell

besides the corne sowen uppon the grounde, as for the farme groundes, and that Leaver is bound for the reparacions of the farme house, and further that the lease to his sonne is not to indure above xiij or xiiij yeres, he prayeth that the Lord President, uppon the due profe of the said allegacions, may take order that he be not driven to yeld to the widowe more yerelie proffittes then is clerelie paid to the use of his sonne, nor for longer tyme then his sonne shall have interest by vertue of his said lease, and so was it appointed that letters to that effect should be written to the Lord President of the North, to the ende the same mought take effect accordinglie.

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The Lord Tresorer.
The Lord Chamberlain.
Mr. Tresorer.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Thomas Bromley.

Payment for a play.

A warrant to the Thresorer of the Chamber to pay unto the Erle of Warwick's players the sum of vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}, for a playe that shold have ben played appon Candelmas day last past.

Scottish claims discharged.

A letter to Henry Killigrew, one of the Tellers of the Exchequer, and in his absence to his Deputye, that wheras ther Lordships were enformed that according to their former order he had receaved sundry summes of moneye for fines imposed by vertue of her Majesties Commission for matters of Piracy, he shold of the said sum, for certein consideracions, pay to Mr. Adam Fullerton, Scotishman, the sum of two hundred and threscore pounds; and this, with the said Fullerton's acquittance, shold be his sufficient warrant and discharge.

The Berwick accounts.

To Mr. Robert Bowes, Threasurer of Berwick, that where it hath ben declared by Mr. Vernon, Surveyour of her Majesties Vitualles, that ther is due to him 1,400^{li} for

victualling of the labourers employed upon the buildings there, and demaunding paiment, it hath been answered that ther is no money to paie it; their Lordships think it straindge, speciallie in respecte more money hath ben expended in building then was appointed, and the same not answering the charges; he is required at his repaire hither to bring with him the bookes of accompt for their Lordships' satisfaction in that behalf.

p. 434. At Westminster, the xixth of Marche, 1578.

The presence:—

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Bromley.

An entry repeated. A letter to Henrie Killegrewe, esquiour, &c., or in his absence to his Deputie, requiringe him, out of the moneye he hathe allredie receaved for fines of pirates, to paie unto Mr. Adam Fullerton, Scotishman, the summe of cclx^{li}, and this their Lordships' letter, together with his acquittance, shalbe unto him a sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalf.

The Merchant Adventurers. A letter to the Governour and Assistantes of the Companie of Merchauntes Adventurers in Andwerpe in the behalf of Thomas Heton, that they would bestowe uppon him either some liberall reward in readie moneye or some convenient annuitie for terme of life, in consideracion of his painefull travaile and charges duringe the time he was their Governour in the Lowe Countreyes, accordinge to a minute remaininge in the Counsell Chest.

A Durham Hospital. A letter to the Lord President in the North recommendinge unto his Lordship the controversies betwene John Conniers of Stockborn, esquiour, and the Almoner and brethren of the Hospitall called Sherborne House, for certaine tithes and dueties claimed to belonge to the same Hospitall and heretofore

denied by the tenant for want of evidence, which a former Almoner had (as it is thought) conveyed awaie and is now recovered; prayinge his Lordship to shewe them all lawfull favour therin, and for that the povertie of the House is such as it cannot beare the charges of the Common Lawe, that therfore his Lordship would call the said Coniers before him, p. 435. and uppon the hearinge of the matter betwene them to take such order therin as to his Lordship shall seme agreable with lawe and justice.

Piracy.

A placarde with processe out of the Courte of the Admiraltie that where a certaine shippe, laden with Gascoyne wines by Ives Quilibye and Michael Gosingall of the towne and haven of Odiern in Britton, was taken and spoiled uppon the seas by one John Hooper and others his complices, pirates, and the said shippe and wines were afterwarde brought to the Isle of Wight, and there, and in the towne of Southampton and places adjoyninge, solde, distracted and conveyed awaye; that there be inquirie made into whose handes the said goodes are come, and that the same be arrested and delivered to the aforesaid Ives and Michael, and the parties also refusinge to conforme them selves arrested.

The law in Warwickshire.

To the Justices of the Assises in Warwicke shire, with a Supplicacion of Richarde Cooke, esquier, complaininge in November last to have ben robbed of sondrie jewells and moneye by Anthonie Harrison, his servant, and James Larrance, who flyinge, and oppen suspicion of fellonie beinge staied by Francis Tallons and Michael Joiner, Sheriffes of the Citie of Coventree, were by the said Sheriffes (havinge taken such thinges as were founde aboute them) suffred to escape without further pursute of lawe, and beinge required by the said Cooke to restore such thinges as came to their handes, first denied the fact, and still refuse to make deliverie therof; they are therfore required to call the said Sheriffes before them and diligentlie to examine the matter and to take such order therin as shalbe agreable with lawe and justice, and to certifie their Lordships what they shall have done therin and whether the said Sheriffes shalbe found faultie.

p. 436. The Durham Chapter tenants.

To the Lord President of [the] Northe, with an order inclosed towchinge the matter in contraversie betwene Mr. Leaver and the Widowe Bonne, which order being sett doune by their Lordships, he is required as much as in him lieth to see the same performed; and where in the latter ende of the said order there be some thinges that stand to be proved before his Lordship, he is therefore required to take some paines therein to make a finall ende of the same, so that their Lordships may be no further troubled with that matter hereafter.

The Watermen's Company.

To the Lord Maiour of London with a complaint and certeine articles exhibited by the pore watermen of the Thames against the Masters of that Company for certeine abuses used by them; his Lordship is required to calle a convenient nomber of the one partie and the other before him, and with the advice of his bretheren to sett downe some goode order betwene them, and the same so being sett downe under their handes to advertise their Lordships thereof, to the ende that if further complaint be made in that matter their Lordships may the better be able to answer the complainantes.

The Piracy fines.

To the Sherif of Cornewall that where Peter Kylligrewe and Thomas Lower weare bound in one band to paie xxv^{li} uppon the xjth of February last past, and x^{li} also by an other band the same day, and Thomas Davy and Olyver Carmynowe to paie xxx^{li} the same day likewise to her Majesties use, as fynes imposed uppon them for dealing with pirates, and that the paiementes of the said sommes are not yet made according to their bandes, the said Shrefe is therefore required to calle the said parties before him, and to take order with them ether by bandes or otherwise that the said sommes may be paid to Mr. Henry Killegrewe to her Majesties use by the first day of the next Terme, or els that they make their apparence before their Lordships at that day to be furder ordered therein as to justice shall apperteyne; and to lett them understand that her Majesty by the forfeyture of their former bandes might not onelie take the advantage of

them, but also procede against them by the due course of the lawes according to the desertes of their offences.

To the Lord President of the Northe that where diverse complaintes have bene exhibited to the Queen's Majestie by Stephen Lutton of Scarborough against Sir Henry Gates, knight, tending to his disatisfaction and discreditt, the same being committed over by her Majestie to the hearing of their Lordships, who conceive no juste occasion of any such complaint against Mr. Gates, but that it was done to the imparenge of his good name without cause, and that a man of his calling, being imploied in her Majesties service as he is, ought not to be so unjustlie complained of, bandes have therefore bene taken of the said Lutton in xl^{li} that he shall make his apparence before his Lordship at Yorke at the next Sessions there to be holden, to abide such order as his Lordship shall therin take in that matter; and therefore he is required uppon his said apparence in some open assemblie there to charge him with his faltes, and ether to induce him to submitte himself to Mr. Gates his satisfaccion, or els to make his faltes to appere and be knowne to the company there as they be, that thereby Mr. Gates his creditt may be repaired and meynteyned as it ought to be, &c. p. 437. A Northern quarrel.

To the Lord President of the Northe, towching a colleccion to be made in York shere towardes the reparacions of Wansford Bridge, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest. Repair of a bridge.

At Westminster, the 23 Marche, 1578.

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Bromley.
Mr. Vicechamberlen.	

To the Threasurer of the Chamber a warrant for the payment of xij^{li} vj^{s} x^{d} for services done unto her Majestie by the commandement of Mr. Vicechamberlen by certen watermen. Warrant for payment.

Theft of Royal plate.

To Mr. Alderman Martyn and Mr. Alderman Dixy that where one Thomas Parry, a goldsmith of London, being suspected to be a buyer and conveyer of stolen plate, is committed prisoner to the C[o]unter in Sothewerk, and uppon his examinacion he will discover nothing therein, they are therfore required, with the assistance of Mr. Thomas Norton and Mr. Andrewe Palmer, uppon newe interrogatories eftesones to examyne him, and for that it is knowne to Mr. Martyn that there hath passed through his handes a silver dish of her Majesties plate, being in the use of the Lord Chamberlen, that he may be charged therewith, and to induce by faire speches or any other meanes to confesse the trouth of his dealinges in these matters.

p. 438.

A dispute as to land.

To the Lord President of the Northe with certeine articles of complainte exhibited by Richard Bunney, esquire, against John Freaston of Altoftes, gentleman, which complaintes for that in some parte they do tende to the prejudice of her Majesties inheritance, his Lordship is therfore required, because the same is within the precincte of his office, and that the profes of those matters may be made where the land lieth, to cause the same to be duelie examined, and to calle Frestone before him to heare what answer he can make thereunto, and as the matter shall falle out to advertise their Lordships thereof in writing under his hand, that thereuppon they may be able to give further direction in that matter in case it shall be further pursued before them.

A summons obeyed.

This daie John Giles, esquiour, of the countie of Devon, beinge sent for by letters from their Lordships to make his apparaunce before them, hath made his apparance accordinglie; beinge, nevertheles, enjoyned to geve his attendance untill their Lordships' further pleasure pleasure (*sic*) shalbe knowen.

Westminster, *xxiiij Martij*, 1578.

Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Tresorer.
Erl of Leycester.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to Hercules Rainesford, gentleman, and Constable of the Castle of Dublin in the Realm of Ireland, that wheras heretofore the custody of the Erl of Clanricard was committed unto him, he shold have a speciall regard that he shold be safely kept, without havinge conference with any bringing not their Lordships' warrant, untill soch time as her Majesty shall give other order. Lord Clanricarde. p. 439.

At Westminster, the xxvth of Marche, 1579.

The presence:—

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlen
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Bromley.

This daie there was called before their Lordships John Giles of Bowdon, in the countie of Devon, esquire, as sent for by their Lordships, for that unorderlie and by untrue suggestion (as was informed) he had procured a prohibicion against the High Commissioners for dealinge in a cause dependinge before them towchinge certeine disorders informed to be committed in the serving of the cure and administracion of Sacramentes and other rites within the parishe churche of Ashprington in the said countie of Devon; for as muche as uppon some debatinge the matter appered unto their Lordships to be verie litigious, and to have depended verie long tyme in contraversie, and the strife nowe rested betwene two persons presented by two diverse titles, it was by their Lordships ordered that an indifferent curatt, being not allied nor knowen affected to ether partie, should be putt in to serve the said churche by Sir John Gilberte, knight, and Mr. Thomas Carewe of Haccombe, esquier, who dwelleth neare unto the said parishe, and that as commanded by their Lordships and so ordered, both the persones that presentlie make clayme thereunto shall forbeare to have any dealinges therein; and that the said Sir John Gilbert and Mr. Carewe aforesaid shall also appoint some A dispute as to a living.

convenient person to receive the fruites of the said benefice of Asprington, uppon good bondes to be taken of such as shall be appointed to receive the same that the tithes and proffittes shall be truelie answered and paid to him that in the ende of the contencion shall be adjudged to have the right thereunto; and this order to stand in force till the ende of Ester Terme next, and that letters should be written to Sir John Gilbert and Mr. Carewe from their Lordships to the effect aforesaid.

A letter to Sir John Gilbert and Mr. Carewe of Haccombe to see this order accomplished and kept in all pointes, &c.

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A passport. A pasporte for Cassiodorus Reymus to passe into the partes of beyond the sea, and to see him provided of convenient shippinge at prices reasonable.

The London Porters. A letter to the Lord Maiour of London, referringe unto his Lordship the matter in controversie betwene the Porters of the Citie, such as pretende them selves to be admitted unto that place, requiringe him, appon consideracion of the cause on bothe sides, to take such order therin as shalbe agreable with lawe and justice; and if anie of the parties shall refuse to condescende to suche order as shalbe by his Lordship appointed, if he shall not have sufficient authoritie to overule them, then to advertise their Lordships what they shall have done therin and of his opinion is (*sic*), that their Lordships maie take order therin accordingly.

Bethlehem Hospital. A letter to the Lord Maiour of London, requiringe his Lordship to receave one ——— Bishoppe, havinge uttered certain lewde and untrewe speaches in the Churche of Westminster, not being (as it is thought by their Lordships) in his right senses, to receave him into the place of Bethlem, and to see that he be forthcominge and provided of thinges necessarie.

The Fleet Prison. A letter to the Warden of the Fleete for the dischardge of John Apsley out of his keping, being latelie comitted by their Lordships.

To Mr. Alderman Martyn, Warden of the Minte, the Wardens of the Gouldsmithes, Mr. Norton and Mr. Palmer, to examyne certen persons apprehended for suspicion of stealinge certen pieces of plate out of the Courte, and some other thinges belonginge to Mr. Secretary Wilson; if any persons shalbe by examinacion thought worthie to be apprehended or examined, they shall give order for their taking and forthcoming to answer according to the qualitie of their faultes, and to advertise particulerlie as cause shall require. p. 441. Theft of Royal plate.

To the Erle of Desmond to deliver unto Richard Newton, capten of a shipp called the Emanuell of Bridgewater, all suche ewer as was brought in the said shipp from the Northe West Voiage and landed uppon the landes of the said Erle in Ireland, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest. Ore from *Meta Incognita.*

To Sir Richard Sherbourne, Sir Thomas Butler, Sir Thomas Hesketh, knightes, and Mr. Bradell of Whaley, or any ——— of them, to examyne the dealinges of Mr. Richard Houghton and his servauntes towching a matter concerning the Erle of Leicester, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest. Lord Leicester.

To the Justices of Peace of the countie of Middlesex nerest to the Cittie of London, towching some spedie order to be taken towching alehouses and victulinge houses, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest. Alehouses in Middlesex.

A proteccion for Hugh Randolph, owner of a shipp called the Salamon of Weymowthe, latelie imploied in the voiage to the Northe West, that the creditours of the said Randoll (*sic*), viz^{t}; Clement Draper, Henry Clitherall, Henrie Parther, William Paige and Cornelius, a Ducheman, and to every of them to whome it shall apperteyne, wherein they are required to forbeare to molest or sue the said Randall for any debtes due unto them for the space of sixe monethes, untill the said Randall may be paid for the fraight of his shipp in the voiage aforesaid, uppon paie- Frobisher's ships still not paid for.

ment thereof he will paie all his said creditours; and that if any of them have allreddy commenced any accion against him, that then they forbeare to deale in it any furder for the tyme aforesaid.

The xxixth of Marche, 1579.

Subscribed by:—

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Bromley.
Mr. Vicechamberlen.	

p. 442. A man-of-war for Ireland.

To Sir William Wynter and the rest of the officers of her Majesties Navie, that where her Majesties shippe called the Handmayden is appointed for her Majesties service in the Realme of Ireland, under the charge of Capten George Thorneton, they are therefore required, out of such her Majesties store of provisions under their charge for the furnishing of the said shippes, to deliver such proporcion of such necessaries as be required for the furnishing of the said shipp in the service aforesaid, according to the note thereof in the Counsell Chest, the coppie whereof is also inclosed in this letter; and to deliver the same to George Thorneton, kynesman to the saide Capten, the allowance for which proporcions shall be made to the said officers uppon their next accomptes to be made for cordage and such like provisions, &c.

Scottish claims.

To the Erle of Bedford, that where complaint hath bene lately made by John Tompson and Henry Dromant of St. Androwes in Scotland, merchantes, that in Februarie last past a shipp of theirs loaden with sundrie merchandize, according to the note thereof sent hereinclosed, was spoiled at Torbay by one John Grainger of Plymowthe, and one Capten Morrice, with lx other English pirattes, and carried within the barre of Holford, and their goodes, as they suppose, distributed to some persones inhabitinge

thereaboutes, and they them selfes kept xiiij daies under hatches, at which tyme Capten Morrice went on land to Mr. Arundell, the Viceadmirall there, and had conference with him, and so retourned back againe to the sea, and and that the said Viceadmirall tooke an inventorie of all the complainants' goodes; and for so muche as nether suche spoiles nor the favorable handling of such offendours is to be suffered, his Lordship is required to give order that the Commissioners for Causes of Piracie in bothe those counties may duelie examyne this matter, aswell to finde out the offendours as the places where the said goodes have bene bestowed, and that the Viceadmirall be charged to answer directlie to his doinges and to discover so muche as he knoweth ether of the offendours or of the disposing of the goodes; and also to cause a goldsmith in Penryn to be examined uppon his othe towching the cause of his so often goinge a borde of the said shipp, and likwise one Wodde of Penryn, and a servaunt of the Viceadmirall, and also one Baxter, an Irisheman, that victuled the said pirattes, and all others that shall be holden suspected in this matter; and if any of the offendours may be founde, to putt them under safe keping, or to take bondes of them with good suerties to be answerable to their offences, and if any of the goodes shall be found, to cause the same to be putt in safe keping, and to take inventories thereof, that it may be forthe coming to be answered to the true proprietaries; and what shall falle out hereuppon to advertise their Lordships with as convenient spede as may be.

Collectors' commissions.

A letter to Thomas Smithe, Customer of London, John Heynes and William Hynes to paie unto such persones as shall bringe anye moneye towardes the repairinge of the haven in the towne of Hastinges iiij^{d} in the pounde.

Laste of Marche.

A proposed new harbour.

xij severall letters to the Sheriffe and Justices of Peace in the counties followinge, viz^{t}; Hertford, Bedford, Notingham,

Bucks, Rutland, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Lincoln, Norffolk, Suffolk, Leycester and Northampton, for a collection to be made for the makinge of a haven in the towne of Hastinges.

p. 443. The first of Aprill, 1579.

Appearance before the Clerk. This daie Richard Justice, of Newporte in the Ile of Wight, yeoman, being bounde in a bande before Sir Henry Ratclif, knight, in the somme of cc^{li} to her Majesties use for his personall apparence here at this daie before their Lordships, hath here appered accordinglie and desireth to have the same recorded; and he is enjoyned not to depart away, but to give his attendance from tyme to tyme before their Lordships untill he shall be by them discharged.

Westminster, 5 Aprill, 1579.

Present:—

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Bromley.

An arbitration. To Sir Henry Ratclif and Thomas West, esquier, concerninge the matter in controversie betwene Richard Justice of Leape, and William White of Alwandsoke, heretofore recommended unto them by their Lordships, advertisinge them that Justice had sithence that time appeared before their Lordships, and that albeit he repaired not (accordinge to his promise) unto them and others chosen umpires of the said controversie betwene them, yet their Lordships uppon the acknowledginge of his fault and the submittinge of him self to stande to the order to be taken by their Lordships therin, have ben contented to forbeare to punishe him according to his desertes, and to take both his and Whites severall bandes in the summe of cc^{li} that they shall stande without gainsayinge to the arbitrement to be made and

awarded by the fower persones mentioned in their letters, and by the said Sir Henry Ratclif and Mr. West, requiringe them to see the condicions of their said bandes duelie accomplished, or els to advertise in whome the breache shalbe; and for that the said White semeth to their Lordships to be a verie simple person, and so deserveth to be pitied in case it shalbe adjudged that the right of the lande in controversie appertainethe unto him, then in respect of his imbecillitie it is thought meete by their Lordships that they woulde advise among them selves of some meanes how the same maie be assured unto him and his right heires, without leavinge unto him anie power and authoritie to sell or conveye awaie the same to anie person otherwise then by lease for xxj yeres, as tenant in tayle, but to remaine to him self and his heires as aforesaid.

We praie you to require Thomas Heslow, Francis Cotton, Richard Cotton and William Legge, heretofore chosen arbitrators by both parties, to take some paines to ende the matter in such sorte as if they had ben speciallie required by their Lordships. **Postscript.*

A letter to the Lord Chauncelour of Irelande in recommendacion of Doctor Hector for the debtes dewe unto him by therle of Desmonde, accordinge to the minute remaininge in the Counsell Chest. p. 444. The Earl of Desmond.

To the Bishop of Peterboroughe that wheras divers reports have ben made unto their Lordships of certaine disorders in matters ecclesiasticall in the towne of Northampton, requiringe his Lordship, with thassistaunce of some learned ministers in the places adjoyning, and especiallie Mr. Smith, parson of Blissworthe, to informe him self more particularlie of the said disorders, and with the helpe of such gentlemen and Justices of Peace in the places adjoininge as he thincke meete [to] call unto him, to take order for redresse and reformation thereof and hereof to advertise their Lordships. Scandals in Northampton.

* The postscript is added in the margin.

To Sir John Spenser, knight, Roger Cane, esquiour, Christofer Yelverton, Recorder of Northampton, together with a schedule inclosed exhibited under their Lordships, containinge matter against one Thomas Hopkins, which George Kenricke is charged to have uttered against him; they are required, or anye two of them, assone as convenientlie they maie, to repaire to the said towne of Northampton and joyntlie with the Maiour of the towne to call the said Kenrick before them, and in their Lordships' names to charge him to discover the trothe of such matters as they shall perceave certaine witnesses have deposed that he hath spoken touchinge Hopkins; if Hopkins shalbe founde culpable or vehementlie suspected thereof, either to commit him to safe custodie or els to take good bandes and suerties for his forthcominge to aunswer the matter accordinge to lawe; if Kenricke shall still refuse as heretofore to make direct aunswer therin, that bandes also be taken of him for his apparance before their Lordships by a daie to be by them prefixed unto him, or els them selves to sende him uppe under safe custodie, and of their doinges to advertise their Lordships with speede convenient.

p. 445. An arbitration. To Sir Edward Cleere, Sir Raphe Sheley, knight, and Thomas Grosse, esquiour, together with a Supplicacion of John Dade and William Dade of East Rasen in the county of Norffolk, concerning some indirecte dealinge of one other William Dade to their utter undoinge, requiringe them to call both parties before them, and uppon consideracion of the said Supplicacion and the proofes which shalbe shewed on eche side, to bringe them to such freindly agrement as they or anie other in the county to be chosen by both their consentes can make therin, which if they shall not be hable to doe, then to advertise their Lordships therof and of their opinion therin; in the meane time entreatinge the creditours of the said John Dade to forbeare anie arrest, imprisonment or extremitie of lawe against them untill they shall further understande from their Lordships.

To Sir Thomas Palmer th'elder, knight, and Henry Goringe, requiringe them that where by their letters it appereth that Bowewater desireth to have conference with Doctour Overton and other learned men, to deal with the Bishop to appointe either the said Doctour Overton or some other learned [man] to repaire unto him, and uppon his conformitie to take bandes and suertyes of him to her Majesties use for good behaviour for thespace of one yere followinge before he be set at libertie; and if he persist still obstinate, to detaine him in prison to be further ordered as the cause shall require and they shall further understande from their Lordships. A recusant.

To the Governours of Bridewell that where their Lordships sent unto them the person of one Edward Shipweye to be kept in the House of Bridewell untill it might [be seen] whether certeine speeches uttered by him proceaded of lewdenes and malice; for that their Lordships are enformed by a letter from Mr. Aldersey to Mr. Secretary Walsingham that the man uttered by him (*sic*) uppon a conceipt of harde dealinge of his father and brethren against him, being troubled in minde might indiscreatlie behave him self in others matters; he is to be set at libertie uppon bandes taken of him and his tenantes which are come upp to sue for his enlargement, that the said Schipwey shall for the space of one yere next ensuinge be of good behaviour towardes her Majestye. A confused entry.

Westminster, the vijth of Aprell, 1579. p. 445.

Present:—

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
The Lord of Hunsdon.	Mr. Thomas Bromeley.
Mr. Threasurer.	

This daie these persones following being called before their Lordships for being privey to the pulling downe of the park Destroying fences.

pale of therle of Warwik at Northawe, in the countie of Hartford, were for the said misdemeanours comitted in this sorte, viz^{t}:—

Henrie Garnet, of Cheston - - John Robertes the yonger, of North Mymmes - - - Robert Chare, of Cheston - -	To the Fleete.
William Haies, of North Mymmes John Parret, of North Mymmes - Henrie Cockrell, of Cheston -	To the Gate House.
Thomas James, of North Mymmes Roger Trotte, of North Mymmes - Robert (*sic*) Chare, of Cheston -	To the Marshalsie.

The Merchant Adventurers.

The same day two answers were given by their Lordships, thone to the Merchantes Adventurers, thother to the Aldermen and others of the Stilliarde, the tenor whereof foloweth:—

The prohibicion required by the Merchantes Adventurers shalbe made.

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viij Aprilis, Westminster, 1579.

The Erl of Leycester.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Lord Chamberleyn.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

An arbitration.

Whereas a certen matter in controversie betwene the Erle of Rutland and Thomas Marchman, esquire, hath ben hertofore at sondry tymes hard by their Lordships, and thereuppon an order taken, their Lordships' pleasure this day was that the same shold be entered into the Councell Book and a coppy thereof given to the said Erle's servantes in manner and form as foloweth:—

(*The Order is not given in the MS.*)

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Lord Tresorer.
Lord Chamberlain.
Erle of Leycester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Tresorer.
Mr. Vicechamberlayn.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A family quarrel set at rest.

Sir Thomas Stanhopp, knight, acknowledged before their Lordships to stand bound to her Majesty in a recognisance of ij$^{c^{li}}$ for him self and his servantes to kepe her Majesties peace towardes John Molleneux of Thorpe, in the county of Northampton, esquire, Edmond and Thomas Molyneux, the said John's sons, and his and ther servantes, and also towardes Thomas Molineux, brother to the said John, one of her Majesties Gentlemen Pensioners and his servantes; and so likewise the said John Molyneux acknowledged the like recognisance of the sum of ij$^{c^{li}}$ to kepe her Majesties peace towardes the said Sir John Stanhoppe, knight, and his servantes, and Thomas Molineux, the elder, brother to the said John Molineux, acknowledging a recognisance of one hundred poundes for him and his servantes to kepe her Majesties peace towardes the said Sir Thomas Stanhoppe and his servantes; and, further, the said Sir Thomas refusing to be bound for one Thomas Reynoldes and Raffe Lawe, his servant, appon pretense that by reason of sume injuryes offred, as he said, by sume of Mr. John Molyneux' servantes, he durst not undertake the same, he was by their Lordships willed to bring them hither, that by their Lordships' order the said Reynoldes and Lawes bandes might be taken for the keping of her Majesties peace in manner and forme as is aforesaid, and appon the doing therof he to be discharged for them two. p. 449.

Recusants in Wales.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell in the Marches of Wales in answer of theirs of the xxiiijth touching their dealinges with such persones as refuse to conform them selves in matters of Religion, according to a mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

Sir J. Throgmorton.

To Sir John Throckmorton, for his apparence here with as convenient spede as he maie after the receipt of the letters.

The costs of a pardon.

A letter to Sir Christofer Heydon and Sir William Buttes, knightes, William Heydon and Nathaniel Bacon, esquiers, on the behalf of five or six persones found culpable of matters of piracie and pardoned afterwardes by her Majesties bill signed, who as yet remaine in prison at Yarmouthe for that they be not hable to paie the charges of their pardon; they are required that by their order they be delivered to suche shipmen of that towne as have desired to employe them in the voyage to Islande, uppon their promise and bandes that they shall bringe forthe and redeliver them unto the said Sir Christofer Heydon, &c., aforesaid, at their retorne to be further ordered as they shall see cause; and if the charges of the pardon to be passed under the Great Seale be th'onelie
p. 450. cause of their imprisonment, that if then they could ether procure so much to be gathered of the cuntry, or els make some bargayne with the shippe masters that besides their finding during the tyme of their voiage they wold allowe some convenient porcion out of their waiges for their discharge, they should do therein a very charitable dede, &c.

The Dean of Durham.

To the Archebushop of Yorke in answer of his letters declaring his dealinges in the cause of the Deane of Durham; and where in the same they undertake (*sic*) that he hath no intencion to come upp hether after Ester unlesse he be thereunto commanded, he is therefore given to understande that uppon the expectacion of his cominge the Deane of Durham hath bene appointed to mak his apparence here at that tyme, whose coming will be but to smalle purpose without his Lordship's presence; and therefore for the full finishing of that matter his Lordship is willed to be here against that tyme (if he have not very great causes to the contrary), which if he have then that the said Deane may also be respited for his coming untill such tyme as his Lordship may be here, and that he may have knowledge thereof.

Westminster, the x^th^ of April, 1579.

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Bromley.

A summons and several letters.

To Sir John Thyne, knight, for his personall apparence before their Lordships with all convenient spede, &c., according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

To the Lord Chefe Justice and the Lord Chefe Baron in the behalf of Susan Pigott, widowe, against one Scoffeld of London, etc., according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

To Mr. Horsey, Capten of the Ile of Wight, to make sale of a shipp of one Nutshawe, called the Barque of Bolloigne, and to deliver the money that shall be received for the same to one John Prowe, appointed by the Marshall Byronne to receive the same to his use, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

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Destroying fences.

To the Justices of thassises, in the countie of Hertford and to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Recorder of London, or any iij of them, with certeine interrogatories sent likewise with the same to be ministred to certeine persons remayning prisoners in the Fleete, the Marshallsey and the Gatehouse for their misdemeanours committed for the breaking downe of the fences of the inclosed grounde of the Erle of Warwick at Northehawe, in the said countie of Hertford.

Piracy.

To the Judge of the Admiraltie and the rest of the Commissioners for Causes of Depredacions that where a complaint hath bene exhibited by Guilliam Rodier, a merchant of Burdeaux, for the spoile of his shipp loaden with lx tunes of Burdeaux wynes by a shippe sett to the seas by Mr. Henry Sekford, and thereuppon the said Rodier hath sett downe certeine articles which he offereth to prove by wittnesses; therefore the said Commissioners be required to calle both parties before them, and as the matter shall be proved by the complainant, so to cause the defendant to answer unto it, and

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thereuppon to procede according to justice and the due course of the lawes, so as there may be no cause of any furder complaint.

xj Aprilis.

* *Memorandum* that this letter was signed by their Lordships, 17 May following.

Present:—

Lord Chancelor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Bedforde.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Erle of Leycester.	Sir R. Sadler.
Lord Hunsdon.	Sir Walter Mildmaye.

Letter of recommendation.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Irelande in the behalf of Antonye Pepparde, gentleman of the countye of Wexforde in the Realme of Irelande, accordinge to the minute remayninge in the Counsell Chest.

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Westminster, the xiiijth of Aprell, 1579.

Present:—

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Thomas Bromley.
Mr. Threasurer.	

A lunatic.

A letter to the Deane of Poules with certen examinacions taken by Justices of Peace in Kent of one Richard Brotherton, by which he appeareth to be distempored in his wittes, and bicause it semeth that he hath a good opinion in the said Deane, their Lordships think mete to referr him unto him to consider if ether by counsell or phisicke he maie be reduced to order, or otherwise bestowed with some of his friendes that maie take such care of him as is convenient for a man

* Original marginal note.

in his case; in which their Lordships offer assistance as cause shall require upon intelligence from him.

A dispute as to land.

This day one William Gardiner was called in before their Lordships appon a complaint made by William Stedman, that whereas there had ben sume communication between them touching the buing and selling of [a] certen pece of land belonging to the said Stedman, and wherof the said Gardiner had gotten assurance with sume other clauses and condicions (as it was enformed) then were ment and agreed on betwen them at the first; appon their Lordships' motion the said Gardiner was content (seing he acknowledged to have as yet payed no mony for the land) to release the said Stedman of his said promise and bargain, and therfore wold restore and cancell such writinges and assurances as he had of the said Stedman, appon condicion that Stedman shold pay unto him such costes and charges as he had [been] at for his learned p. 453. counsell and passing the bookes, the rating wherof was referred by their Lordships to Mr. Sollicitour; and this don Steadman shold be wholy discharged of any incumbrance to be hereafter made by the said Gardiners, and might seek the best bargain he could for the selling (if he wold) of his land to others.

Westminster, xiiijth Aprill, 1579.

Present:—

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Thomas Bromley.
Mr. Threasurer.	

A charge of murder.

A letter to the Sheriffe of Dorset that where one Robert Wintershall havinge committed a hainous murther in the countie of Surreye, and thereuppon fledde into the countye of Wiltshire, their Lordships wrot their letters to the Sheriffe both to apprehende him and cause him saflye to be comityed (*sic*) to the Sheriffe of Surreye, who albeit he was by him apprehended yet hath not ben sent thither but is still detained

in prison; the said Sheriffe is required (unles he shall understande some lawfull cause to the contrarie and thereof to advertise their Lordships) to cause the said Wintershall to be sent upp under safe custodie of some of his servantes and delivered unto the Sheriffe aforesaid, and these their Lordships' letters, with the said Sheriffes certificate of his receipt, shalbe his sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalf.

A letter to the Sheriffe of Surrey advertisinge him how that their Lordships have written their letters to the Sheriffe of Dorset to sende unto him one Wintershall who had committed a hainous murther in the countie of Surreye, and theruppon fled into the county of Dorset, requiringe him to receave the said Wintershall from such persones as the Sheriffe of Dorset shall sende unto him, and theruppon to geve order that he be saflye kept to aunswer according to lawe to suche thinges as maie be laid to his charge, and shalbe herafter by the Justices of the Assises and others signyfied unto him.

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Lord Tresorer.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erl of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The prisoners in the Tower.

A letter to Mr. Lieutenant of the Tower howe that appon the perusing of the schedule lately exhibited by him conteyning the names of soche persons as were prisoners with him, their Lordships have thought good that Edward Burnell, Henry Blower, Roland Siberye, Thomas Harding, Robert Harrison, John Wodall and James Sanford shold be delivered to the Knight Marshall or his Deputye, according to their Lordships' letter enclosed unto them for their reception; that the said Mr. Lieutenant shold kepe John Prestall still, and for Hughe Crampton he shold receyve farther order

herafter; that he shold sett Hardinges wiffe at libertye, and bring Robert Blaydes to the Bishop of London to be further ordred as he shold apoint; and if Henry Bettes can putt in suertyes to be bound in the sum of c^{li} to be of good behaviour, and that he shalbe furthcoming appon warnyng to be given him for the espace of one yere, then to discharg him also.

A letter to the Knight Mareshall or to his Deputye to receyve the said persons by their Lordships' former letter apointed to be delivered unto them by Mr. Lieutenant of the Tower.

A letter to the Bishop of London that wheras their Lordships hertofore committed to the Tower one Robert Blaydes for a certen leude letter which he had written, the coppy wherof was sent enclosed; forasmuch as nowe he offreth dutifully to conforme him self according to her Majesty's lawes in matters of Religion, his Lordship is required to talk with him, and if he shall continewe in the same good meaning still, then, ether appon suertyes or his own bandes for his good behaviour for one whole yere, to sett him at libertye and theruppon to signifye unto the Bishop of Worcester, from whom he was sent up, the cause and manner of his delivering. p. 455. A converted recusant.

To the Master of the Rolles to geve order for the deliverie of certen persons named in the Counsell Book, comitted to severall prisones for a disordinatte outraidge by pulling downe the parke pale of therle of Warwick neare his house in Northaw, because by examinacion taken by the said Master of the Rolles it appeared that they were not to be touched with the unlaufull facte, and their Lordships' letters to be shewed to the Kepers of the said Prisons to be a sufficient warrant. Destroying fences.

* The xvijth of Aprill, 1579.

This daie Luke Grisson of Mitchinge in the countie of Sussex, marryner, beinge bound by Sir John Pelham, knight, An appearance.

* The date is given in the margin.

Mr. Goreinge and others, to make his apparaunce before my Lordes, did appere and was comaunded not to departe till he shold understand further of their Lordships' pleasure.

Landlord and tenant.

To the Erle of Shrewesbury in the behalf of certeine his pore tenantes of G[l]ossopdale, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

Letter of recommendation.

To the Lord Justice of Ireland in the behalf of Richard Lawrence, Serjant-at-Armes in that Realme, for the preferringe of him to the Viceconstableshipp of the Castle of Dublyn or the Marshalshipp of the iiij Courtes, if any of them be preentlie voide; or els to appointe him forthewith a horseman's waiges out of some band, or by any other meanes to releive him, so that it be without the increase of any newe charges to her Majesty.

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A prisoner released.

To Sir Richard Greinevile, knight, William Lower, Shreif of Cornewall, George Kekwiche and John Trefry, esquiers, for the delivery and setting at libertie of Rafe Betham, prisoner in the gaole of Lestwithiell, aswell in respect of the ernest sute made by his father for him and bondes taken of him in cc^{li} to her Majesties use for his forthe cominge at all tymes hereafter, as also in consideracion of his own playne dealinge in his examinacions for such matters as he is chardged withall; and therefore the said Shreif is willed, because he dwelleth nerest the place where he is imprisoned, to give present order for his discharge.

* Delivered the 21.

To Mr. Doctour Dale and Mr. Awbery in the behalf of one John Bourden, factour and attourney for Giralt de Ryers, demanding certeine oade (*sic*) in the possession of Mr. Leighton, Capten of the Isle of Garnesey, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

Sir N. Malby.

To the Lord Justice of Ireland that where Sir Nicholas Malby hath bene in this Realme, with whome her Majestie hath had conference of sundry services done by him and speciallie in the governement of Connawght, whereof her Majestie so well liketh in all respectes as she recommendeth him in all

* Original marginal note.

his good causes to be furdered and assisted by the said Lord Justice, and so do their Lordships in like case; and that where he hath remayned longer in this Realme then he was licenced by his pasport made by the late Lord Deputie there, yet the said Lord Justice is required to take order with the Clerke of the Check there that he do not receive any hinderance or abatement of his interteynement of waiges, nether for himself nor any of his servauntes that have attended him and his wief here during the tyme of their being here; and that the like order be taken for Capten Fisher, Capten Furse, Edward White, John Eston and Charles Egerton, who have likwise bene here about their owne privat sutes.

A Commission for post horses and shipping for Sir Nicholas Malby and his company to the sea coaste, and so over into the Realme of Ireland. * 18 *Aprilis.*

A letter to Sir Edward Horsey, knight, to deliver a shipp which heretofore belonged to one William Nutshawe to the servant of Monsieur de Biron, one of the Mareshalles of Fraunce, in recompense of a shipp which was aperteining to the said Mareshall and taken by Nutshawe, and afterwardes was cast away, according to a mynute remayning in the Chest. Rough justice.

Westminster, the xxjth of Aprill, 1579. p. 457.

Presence:—

The Lord Threasurer.	The Lord Hunsdon.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Comptroler.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Bedford.	

An order this day was taken by their Lordships in the matter in contraversie betwene Thomas Wilson and William Rooke, accordinglie as is conteyned in the note† hereunto annexed. A dispute settled.

* Original marginal note.

† The note is not given in the MS.

Piracy. An oppen Commission to all Viceadmiralls, Justices of Peace, Commissioners for Causes of Piracies, and all other officers of her Majesties portes, for the apprehending and making staie of one Philpott with his shipp, being latelie passed to the seas in warlick manner, and of all other shippes that shall be of his consort, and to take good bondes for the said Philpottes apparence before their Lordships so sone as he may be apprehended, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

The like Commission for *_____

Westminster, the xxiijth of Aprill, 1579.

Destroying fences. A letter to Mr. Vice Chamberlaine and Mr. Chauncelour of the Dutchey, towching the ryetous assemblie in the countie of Hartforde, according to the mynute in the Counsell Chest.

Westminster, the xxvth of Aprill, 1579.

p. 458. The presence:—

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Threasurer.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Comptroler.
Therle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Bromley.

Piracy. A letter of assistaunce of processe out of the Court of thadmiraltie in the behalf of John Baptista Sambitores, merchant of Spaine, and of John Fryas and his company, merchantes of Portingale, for the recovery of a certeyne shipp of theirs loaden with certeine merchandize at the Iles of Canary to be transported to Civill in Spayne, being spoiled at the seas by one Edward Roane of Gloucester, a piratt, and his complices in a shipp called a flie boate otherwise the Hound, and brought into the coastes of this Realme, that the offendours may be apprehended

* Blank in the MS.

and the goodes recovered to the use of the true proprietaries, according to the effect of the said proces.

Application for relief.

A letter to Sir Walter Mildmaye in the behalf of William Piers, by a peticion exhibited unto their Lordships desiringe that he might be discharged of certaine arrerages of rentes of leases heretofore taken by him in the Realme of Irelande, the particularities wherof he shall understande from the Auditour; their Lordships, in consideracion of his longe service, and for that he alledgeth that he hath reaped no commoditie by the same by reason of the troubles and disorders which happened in those places of the Realme, thought good to refer the said Piers and the Auditour unto him, requiringe him uppon the perusinge of the accomptes, and such other informacions as they shall deliver unto him, both to advertise of th'estate of the matter and what his opinion is concerninge the same.

Scottish claims.

A letter to Lord Buckhurst, Sir Thomas Shirley, knight, &c., thanckinge them for their paines taken in the matter touchinge the two Scottishe shippes, requiringe them to give their assistaunce for the recoveringe of the rest of the bookes (*sic*) and goodes which are concealed and restoringe of the same to the right owners; and, where they have made staye to deliver such goodes and wines as they found out to James Farleye, by reason that his procuracion is now by the deathe of the owner expired and voyde, and, further, for that it was enformed unto them that the principall beinge a bastarde, the Kinge, by the lawes of that Realme, might make some challenge therto, forasmuch as Mr. Adam Fullerton, who hathe sufficient authoritie from the said Kinge and his Counsell to deale in suche matters here, offreth to be bounde bothe to save you harmeles and to see the said goodes aunswered to suche persones as they shall in right appertaine unto, his Lordship and the rest are required that uppon some such bande of the said Mr. Fullerton they would cause the said wines and goodes to be delivered unto him or to such person as he shall sufficientlie authorise for the receipt of the same. Touchinge the contempt of them

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of the towne of Seaforde, their Lordships minde to take such order therin or ever it be longe as the qualitie of their offence deservethe and shalbe for the maintenance of their credit.

A clandestine marriage.

To the Warden of the Fleete for the delivery of George Monoux, latelie committed to his custodie for assisting of John Worsley in the conveyeng away of Sir Henry Leighes dawghter.

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At Westminster, the 26 of Aprill, 1579.

The presence:—

The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Therle of Bedford.	Sir Walter Mildmay.
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Bromley.

Lewd words.

To the Lord Darcie of Chiche and Edmond Parton, esquire, that where their Lordships have sene their letters towching Thomas Whipted and Gregory Clover for certeine lewde speches uttered by them, for their dilligence wherein they are hartelie thanked; and for their furder direction in that matter for as muche as the said speches so maliciously devised was onelie intended to stirre upp some tumult, it is thought necessarie that they should be delt withall with as muche severitye of lawe as may be ministred against them, and that they do acquaint the Justices of Assises of that county with the matter and to hold such course therein as they shall direct for the ponishement of the offendours.

An old dispute.

To the Lord Chefe Justices of the Kinges Benche and the Commen Pleas and to Mr. Attorney Generall, or any ij of them, that where they have latelie certified their Lordships of their opinions in the matter betwene Mr. Doctour Dale and one Spede, and that sithe that tyme a Supplicacion hath bene exhibited to her Majestie by Spede about the same, and that it hath bene also alledged that the said Chefe Justices

weare not rightlie informed in the case, therefore they are eftesones required to appointe an other day for the hearing of that matter with suche profes as ether partie can produce; and afterwardes to advertise their Lordships aswell of their opinions in that matter as of the severall dates, termes and grauntes of every of the leases, that thereuppon such order may be taken according to right as the parties may have no further cause of complaint.

Matrimonial troubles.

To Sir Richard Rogers, knight, ——— Rogers his sonne, Edward Laurence and Christofer Antell, esquires, that where Roberte Barbott of Dorchester and his wief have bene thought very badd instrumentes and to have used some dishonest practises to brede discorde betwene Mr. Henry Howard and his wief, which practises are not to be suffered unreformed; they are therefore required to take the examinacion thereof, aswell uppon their owne knowledge as by any other instruccions that they shall receive or can procure in that behalf, and thereuppon to take such answers as they shall make in that matter, and to advertise their Lordships thereof under their handes with as muche expedicion as may be.

To Mr. Henry Howard to mak his personall apparence before their Lordships with as convenient spede as may be, for such thinges as shall be declared unto him at his cominge. p. 461.

The repression of piracy.

To the Lord Admirall for the appointing of a Capten to serve at the seas in her Majesties ship called the Foresight for the suppressing of pirattes, according to the minute in the Chest.

To the Commissioners for Causes of Piracie in the countie of Devon to take bondes of all persones that shall passe to the seas in warlik manner for answering of their doinges whilest they shall be at the seas, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

Sir Humphrey Gilbert.

To Sir Humfrey Gilbert for revoking of him from his intended journey at the seas for seking of forreyne cuntreis,

or if he shall procede in it, that he putt in suerties, &c., according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

Destroying fences.

To the Justices of Peace in the counties of Hertford and Middlesex towching the late rebellion about Northhawe, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

Sympathy with pirates.

A letter to Sir Nicholas Bacon, knight, and Francys Jermye, esquire, that wheras ther Lordships are given to understand that processe out of the Courte of the Admiraltye being graunted for the apprehension of one Anthony Newport, a notorious pirate, which thorough sume conivence and partiality of sume of the said gentlemen and others in the shire could not be executed (as is enformed); they therfore shold do their best endevors both to apprehend the said Neuport and to sequester soch goodes as belong unto him, and also to command Philippe Brown, John Gilgate and Robert Sherwing, gentlemen, and John Lingwoode and Edmund Banester, dwelling in or about Woodbridge, to appeare before their Lordships for the answering of soche thinges as shalbe declared unto them here.

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The new Lord Chancellor.

The same day, before her Majesty went to the Chapell, the Lordes of the Counsell rising from the Councell Boorde went into the Privye Chamber, and then was Mr. Thomas Bromley, her Majesties Sollicitour Generall, and sworne hertofore of her Highnes' Privy Counsell, made Lorde Chancelour and had the Great Seale of England delivered to his custodye, and so attended appon her Majesty to the Chappell, and afterwards took his place accordingly.

xxvij Aprill, Westminster, 1579.

Lord Admirall.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erle of Bedford.	Bothe Mr. Secretaryes.

A charge of burglary.

A letter to the Erle of Penbrock to apprehend and send up John Lovell, yoman, servant to Sir John Thinne, Thomas Mathewe, late his servant, Christofer Bayly of

Stafford, and John Bolland of Venny Sutton, yoman, being suspected to have ben of a confederacy to have robbed Sir Jhon Horner's and other men's houses.

A placarde that where George Beston is by her Majestie appointed to repaire to the seas with one of [her] Highnes' shippes, that he be permitted to remaine in suche partes as he shall have occacion to repaire into, and that they be assisting unto him for provision of thinges necessarie, and further to receave into their custodie such pirates as he shall take and bringe unto them with their shippes and goodes; and the said shippe and goodes to kepe under safe custodie, and to deliver unto the said Beston, if he shall for his provision in this service so require, so muche moneye as shall serve his neade to be levyed of the lawfull and indifferent praisinge of the said shippe or goodes uppon a bill of his hande testifying the receipt therof; and such letters of advertismentes directed unto their Lordships as he shall sende unto them, to see the same sent upp with spede convenient. p. 463. The repression of piracy.

At Westminster, the 28 Aprill, 1579. p. 464.

The presence:—

The Lord Chauncellour.	The Lord Hunsdon.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

To the Maiour of Cambridge and his bretheren that they forbeare the inclosure of their commen, in respect that some others interessed in the same be not made privie thereof, untill they shall have advertised the true state of the matter, and shall receive further direction from their Lordships what shall be done therein. A Cambridge common.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and the Deane of Powles to heare a matter in controversie betwene Edward Two enquiries.

and William Underne, bretheren, and ether to ende the same betwene them, or to certifie in whome they shall finde the defalt.

To the Lord Maiour, the Master of the Rolles and Sir Rowland Hayward to certifie their knowledge in a complainte and booke exhibited by one Water Crane against Roger Warfeld of London, grocer, according to the trouthe.

A sunken ship at Bristol.

To the Maiour of Bristoll and his bretherne to joyne all together and to agree for the taking upp of the shipp that is sunke in the haven of Bristoll, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

To the Justices of Peace in the counties of Somerset and Gloucester for the assisting of the Maiour of Bristoll and his bretheren with such necessaries as they shall requier for the taking upp of a shipp that is sunken in that haven, according to the minute, &c.

An unlicenced practitioner.

To the President and Colledge of Phisicians that where Margaret Kennyckes, a Dutchewoman, hath been latelie imprisoned in London by them for the practising of phisick without licence, that now they shall sett her at libertie, and advertise their Lordships what hurt hath bene done by her to any her Majesties subjectes by her said practise.

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James Fitzmaurice.

To the Lord Justice of Ireland in answer of his towching the advertisement of the preparacion of James Fitz Morrice, &c., according to the minute in the Chest, &c.

An embargo removed.

An oppen letter of dischardge to all Viceadmiralls, Justices of Peace, &c., that where of late a staie was made of all shippes of the merchantes of London for going in anie voiage towardes Hull out of any port of this Realme should be staied for a season uppon some consideracion, that nowe they shall be sett at libertie to departe and go at their pleasure, &c.

Sir H. Sidney's prisoner.

To the Shreifes of London that where one Adrian Albert, latelie committed prisoner to one of the Counters in London by the commandement of Sir Henry Sidney, the said Shreifes

be nowe commanded to deliver over the said Albert into the handes of one ——— Thorneton, who is directed by their Lordships what shall be further don with him.

Westminster, the xxixth of Aprill, 1579.

This daie Edward Caste of Sutton-under-Brailes in the countie of Gloucester, servingman, made his apparence here presupposing that some complainte is exhibited against him, and offering himself readie to answer any such complaint he prayeth for that purpose to have his apparence recorded, the which is done accordinglie. Appearance before the Clerk.

* *Ultimo Aprilis.*

A letter to the Erle of Shrewsburye concerning hys tenantes of the manor of Glossopdale in the county of Derbye, according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Chest. Lord Shrewsbury's tenants.

A letter to the Sheriff of the county of Chester to send up unto their Lordships one Oswell Higginbothom (who, as his Lordship writeth) did give out that he had ij^{c} good felowes to assist his Lordship's tenantes of Glossopdale in the county of Derby against him, as by his letter remayning in the Chest appeareth.

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Lord Chancelour.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Earl of Warwik.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Erl of Leycester.	Sir Walter Mildmaye.

Letters to the Knight Mareshall, the Mareschall of her Majesties Benche and the Keper of the Gatehouse to deliver unto the Sheriffes of London and Middlesex the persons of Destroying fences.

* The date is given in the margin.

suche prisonners as were committed to their charge for a riotouse disorder committed by them at Northehall (*sic*).

A letter to the Sheriffes of London to receive the said prisonners and to deliver them at Barnet, in the countie of Hertforde, unto the Sherife of the said countie.

A letter to the Sheriffe of the countie of Hertforde for the receiving of the prisonners afforesaid at the handes of the Sheriffes of London at Barnet.

A grievous abuse.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of London requiringe him to paie certaine poore men, whose horses were taken upp to attende uppon the Marques of Havereye at his beinge here, and for that he gave order for the takinge upp of the same horses, beinge also but fewe in number, that he would see the same poore men aunswered in such sorte as their Lordships be no more troubled herwith.

* *Postscript.*

The number of horses beinge so small they might, in our opinion, have don verie well to have furnished them of their owne, and not to have taken them uppon the poore men as it appeareth they have don.

p. 467.

A dispute as to a copyhold.

A letter to Sir Thomas Cecill, Sir Edmund Brudnell, knightes, and William Saunders, advertisinge them that where their Lordships understande by their letters of their proceadinges betwene Thomas Cowper and Gawen Sanders, that Sanders did refuse to stande to their order which he yielded unto before to accepte fower poundes of Cowper in satisfaccion of all demandes, wheruppon he was commanded to appeare before their Lordships, he hath before them yeilded to accepte the fower poundes as was awarded by them; further submittinge himself to stande to such order and arbitrement in the controversie about the right of the coppie holde in Gretten as they three and Sir William Catsby, lorde of the manour, should awarde, wherof their Lordships have thought meete to advertise them, that by vertue herof they call the said Mr. Catsby unto them and make a finall and perfect ende in the matter of the coppie holde aforesaide.

* Original marginal note.

* 3 *Maij.*

The Lord Garrett, son and heir apparent to the Erle of Kildare, heretofore committed to the Fleete by the Lordes Chancelour and Tresorer for a certen fraye betwene him and his servantes and certain the servantes of the Lord Howard of Effingham, was brought before their Lordships and after some talke had of the matter and order given that the same shold be examyned by some whom their Lordships wold apoint, their Lordships were contented that the said Lord Garrett shold be released of further enprisonment, he him self, the Lord Chandos and Mr. Edward Garrett, his oncle, Lieutenant of her Majesties Gentlemen Pensioners, recognising to stand bound in the sum of one thousand poundes to her Majesties use, that the said Lord Garrett shalbe forthcoming and appeare before their Lordships at any time appon reasonable warning to be thereof given to any of them. Lord Kildare's son.

Westminster, the 3d of May, 1579.

This day Thomas Collins being charged by Sir Jhon Smith, knight, to appeer before the Lords of the Privy Councell, hath made his apparence accordingly, and he is commaunded to attend from time to time untill he shall be discharged by their Lordships. An appearance.

A letter to Mr. Seckford and Mr. Doctor Dale, Master of the Requestes and the Recorder of London, that where not long since ther happened a disordered fray betwene the servantes of the Lord Howard of Effingham and the Lord Garret uppon Tuesdaie, Wensday and Thursdaie last, the particularities whereof their Lordships are desierous to have substanciallie examined, they are therfore required, uppon suche informacion as shalbe delivered unto them in the behalf of bothe the Lords, †dilligentlie to examyn suche persons whatsoever as it is likelie can declare unto them the

* This entry has been afterwards inserted in the margin of the MS.

† This entry is continued from this point on p. 468.

truthe and circumstances of all thinges as have happened in the said action betwene them and their servantes, so as the verie cause, beginning and manner of the said force maye be understoode and knowen, and thereof to certifie their Lordships with as muche expedicion as they conveńientlie maye.

A le'ter to the Dean of Durrham signifying what the Archbishop had written touching his speches there used, and requiring to send his answer therto, and about what time he thinketh that conveniently he can cume upp, that their Lordships may take further [order] accordingly.

p. 468. Piracy in Wales. A warrante to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paie unto Mr. Phabian Phillippes the somme of one hundred markes, in consideracion of certen charges he hath bene at in her Majesties service at Cardiffe and other places within the Province of Wales, where by her Majesties comandement he hathe ben employed to enquire of pirates and piracies.

iiij Maij, 1579.

Lord Chauncellour.	Erle of Leicester.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Attempted housebreaking. Two warrantes, the one unto the Knight Mareschall to receive into his custodie the person of John Bowlande, and the other to the Mareschall of her Majesties Benche to receive the person of Christofer Bailife, committed by their Lordships for an intended robbery to have ben don by them upon the howses of Sir John Horner, knight, and Edward Horton, clothier.

The person of John Lovell, being a confederate of theise intended robberies, was by their Lordships committed unto the Gatehouse.

Edmund Bedingfeld. A letter to the Lord Bushoppe of Norwich that where Edmund Beddingfeilde, esquier, committed for matters of Relligion, is (as their Lordships are informed) greatelie afflicted

with sicknes, hathe ben an humble suiter unto them that for the recovery of his helthe he maie be licenced to repeire presentlie to Bath, and offering to put in suerties as well for his good behaviour during the tyme of his libertie as for his returne unto the place where he now remaineth, their Lordships are contented that he be permitted so to doe, and therfore do require his Lordship, taking bandes with sufficient suerties to her Majesties use that he shall after his dismission by the Feast of St. Michaell next ensuing yeilde him self prisonner againe where he shall appointe, to set him at libertie.

A letter to Mr. Sergeant Popham and Mr. Sergeant Anderson that where there hath appeared before their Lordships Christefer Bailife, John Bowland and John Lovell, detected for two robberies by them intented to have ben committed, th'one upon the howse of Sir John Horner, and the other upon the howse of Edwarde Horton in the same countie, wherwith he, the said Mr. Sergeant Popham, is presentlie acquainted; forasmuche as their Lordships doe finde it verie necessarie for the better discovery of theise their misdemeanures, their (*sic*) are verie earnestlie required to call the personnes aforesaid severally before them, and substanciallie to examyn them upon such interrogatories as he shall advise to drawe out, as well of their confessions before their Lordships (whereat he, the said Mr. Popham, was presente), as also of suche other matter as they shall finde by likelihoode they are to be charged withall, and thereof to certifie their Lordships, together with their opinion how they stand touched in lawe, that thereupon suche order maie be taken with them as shalbe agreable with justice. The housebreakers. p. 469.

Their Lordships thincke it mete that they examyn suche other personnes as are to be by them discovered, and to geve order for their apprehension if it shalbe so necessarie. *Postscript.

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paye to ——— Souche, gentleman, servante to the Lord of

* Original marginal note.

Penbroke, for bringing of the said personns before their Lordships from Wilton.

The Tower. A letter to the Lieutenante of the Tower requiring him to take sufficient bands of James Stamforde, prisonner in the Tower, with sufficient suerties in reasonable sommes of money (which their Lordships referre to his discreacion) for his apparence within xx^te^ daies after warning to be geven unto him at a place to be named in certentie from their Lordships; and this their Lordships' letter shalbe his sufficient warrant in that behaulf.

For an arrest. A warrant to all officers requiring them to be aiding and assisting unto one of the Messengers of her Majesties Chamber for the apprehension of Thomas Cooke, minister.

The house-breakers. A letter to the Erle of Penbrooke signifieng that there have appeared before their Lordships three persons detected for an intended robbery upon the howses of Sir John Horner and Edmunde Horton, geving him thanckes for his paines taken in their apprehencion, and the examining of * ———— ————, Inkeper of the Devises; and do praie his Lordship to take care also for the apprehending of Thomas Mathewe, one of their confederates, yf at anie tyme hereafter he shall understand him to be within that countie, and uppon his apprehension to sende him likewise unto their Lordships.

p. 470. *vj Maij.*

Norwich and London. A letter to the two Lord Chief Justices that wheras their Lordships hertofore committed unto them the hearing of a certen matter in controversie betwene the city of Norwich and London, they of Norwich complaining to be abbridged of the libertye as hertofore they enjoyed, in that they of London went about to force them to bring their wares to a certen Hall, and there exacted a certen imposicion of them, which said controversie could not hertofore

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be ended by reason they of London brought not the part of their charter to be perused which made for that purpose; forasmuch as both parties before Mr. Secretary Walsingham were contented that it shold be further heard sume day of this Terme, they are required to call before them both parties and to certifye their Lordships of their opinions, to th'entent that theruppon further order may be taken accordingly.

* At the Starr Chamber.

Presente:—

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Comptroller.	Sir Walter Mildmay.

The Irish Master of the Rolls.

A letter to the Lord Chauncellour that where Thomas Snagge, esquire, her Majesties Atturney in Irelande, hathe complained against Nicholas White, esquire, Master of the Rolles within the said Realme, that, contrarie to the condicions of the lawe annexed to the said Office of the Rolles, he hathe not at certen tymes appointed certified yearelie out of the Chauncerie there into the Courte of Eschequire all the extraites of Charters, Letters Patentes, Writes, &c., whereby he is said to have forfeited his said Office of the Rolles, upon which informacion Mr. White, by order of the Lord Deputie and Councell there, hath ben sequestred from the exercise of the said Office untill the matter might be fully examined; their Lordships, desierous to understand the veritie of this informacion, as also what is to be determined thereof by lawe, have thought good to desire his Lordship, with the assistance of the two Lords Cheife Justices, to call before him the said Snagge and White, with their severall councells, and upon substanciall hearing

p. 471.

†Delivered with this letter to the letter (*sic*) the acte of the manner of the proceading with Mr. White, Master of the Rolles, and the

* The place and names are given in the margin without date.

† Original marginal note.

causes objected to the Atturney in Ireland, with his answeres.

of the said informacion, with the replies and answeres of the said White, to consider how farr for his defaulte he is to be touched in lawe, and thereof to certifie their Lordships with as convenient speede as they maie, that suche order maie be taken therein as by her Highnes shall be thought convenient.

* ixth of May.

Lord Threasurer.	The Lord President (*sic*).
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Comptroller.	Mr. Secretarie Walsingham.
	Mr. Secretarie Wilson.

A voyage of discovery.

A Letter Patent for Thomas Bailye and Edward Elliot, intending a voiage to the seas for the discovering of certen straing islands and forreyne countries, directed to all Vice-admiralls, Officers of Portes, &c., requiring them to permitte the said Bailie and Elliott to passe withe their shippes and vessells without anie their restrainte or molestacion, geving them to understande that for their good behavor at the seas they have put in sufficient bands withe suerties into her Majesties Court of the Admiraltie.

Decimo Maij, 1579, Whitehall.

Lord Chauncellour.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord of Hunsdon.	

The Handmaid.

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to pay unto ——— Thorneton, for the carriag of certen forniture belonging to her Majesties shippe the Handmayde into Irelande, the somme of 17^{li} 6^{s} 8^{d}, according to a bill of the particulers delivered unto him therewith.

A Bedfordshire case.

A letter to the Justices of Assises in the countie of Bedford, having inclosed in that a peticion of one John

* The date and names are given in the margin.

Kirke, of the towne of Bedford, againste one Robert Carys of Biddenham, for sundry injuries don by Carys unto the plaintife; forasmuch as Kirke is a suiter unto their Lordships that the cause maie be examined and ordered according to justice and equitie, their Lordships do require them at the tyme of their Assises in those partes to call both parties before them, and upon substanciall hearing of the controversie so to order the same as their Lordships be no more troubled thereof, and as maie be agreable with justice and equitie. p. 472.

German travellers.

A placard to all officers to suffer two Barrons of Almaigne, with their five servantes, three Englishe mastiffes, with their bagges and baggages, to passe into the partes of beyonde the seas without any their let or molestacion, and by the waye to se them provided of post horses.

A recognisance fulfilled.

This daie, Oswolde Emerson, parson of Kirkby-under-Dale in the countie of Yeorke, being bound before the Clarke of the Councell to make his apparence before the Lords of her Majesties Privie Councell wheresoever the Courte should be, hathe aswell in dischardge of his owne bande as of his suerties, John Thekes and Thomas Yeates, made his apparence, and is notwithstanding comanded to geve his contynuall attendance untill by the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Councell he shalbe licenced to depart.

A fray in London.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of London requiring him to cause searche to be made within the Cittie for the persons of Henry Nowell and John Wotton, gentlemen, and to apprehend and committe them, with their servauntes, for an affray by them committed uppon John Parker, gentleman, whome they have verie dangerouslie hurt and one of his servauntes, the said Nowell and Wotten with their servantes to remayne committed till furder order shalbe taken with them by their Lordships.

A Letter Patent to all Justices, &c., to ayde and assiste the bearer for the apprehension of Henry Nowell and John Wotton, gentlemen, and their servantes or any of them, and

to assiste the said bearer after their apprehension, yf nede shall so require, for the bringing, of them before their Lordships.

The Spanish Agent.

A letter to the Lieutenante of the Tower that where there is remaining prisonner under his custodie the person of Anthony Guarras, whome at his brother's suite her Majestie is well pleased to release, and where for sundrie good consideracions it is thought mete that the said Anthony Guarras
p. 473. shall presentlie upon his releasement departe the Realme, and for that purpose be conveyed by sume trustie person unto the sea side where he maye imbarque, he is therefore required fourthwith to set him at libertie, and to deliver him with his two servantes (of whome Damian Della, one of them, shalbe delivered unto him by the Knight Mareschall) into the handes of some suche of his Warders of the Tower as is well knowen unto him, and to geve him charg to convey him with his servantes presentlie unto Rye, not suffering them to enter into the Cittie or to have conferrence withe any person here before his departure, and to goe and remayne with them at Rye at the charges of the said Guarras untill suche tyme as a convenient vessell maye be had for his transportacion, and there to se him safelie shipped to be immediatelie conveyed beyonde the seas; he is also commanded to sett at libertie John Guerrie, one of his servantes now attending on him in the Tower, and this their Lordships' letter to be his warrant in that behailf.

A letter to the Knight Mareschall willing him immediatlie upon their receipte hereof to sett at libertie Damian Della, servante to Anthony Guarras, now prisonner under his charge, to departe the Realme with his said master, and for that pourpose to deliver him to the Lieutenante of the Tower to be conveyed to the sea side with the said Guarras, and their Lordships' letter to be his discharg for the same.

A matrimonial case.

A letter to Doctor Lewes, Doctor Drury and Mr. Deane of Powles that where uppon a suite comenced in the Court of the Audience against John Trever, gentleman, by May his

wiefe, sentence being geven againste him and he refusing to yeilde thereunto, was, by order from the Lord Keper, deceased, as also by comaundement from their Lordships, committed to the Fleete, where he nowe remainethe, and because the said Trever is an humble suiter, that some order may be taken for his releasement and ending of the controversie betwene hym and his wiefe, offering to abide suche order therein as by indifferent persons shalbe thought reasonable; their Lordships pittieng their disagrement and wishing some charitable ende to be made betwene them, have thought good (with consent of bothe parties) to make choyce of them and earnestlie to require them, calling unto them the said John Trevor and his wiefe with their severall councells, firste to examyne the same substanciallie on bothe sides, and then to do their best indevour to compounde the controversie and all other quarrells betwene them, and to induce them (yf it maye be) to a perfecte reconciliacion, wherein for their better assistance their Lordships have thought good to joyne unto them the Deane of Poules, whose godly exhortacions in that behaulf, may worke some good effecte; p. 474. prayeng them to take some paynes herein and to certifie unto them by the ende of this weeke at the furthest what they shall have don, that yf they maie not uppon the hearing of the matter be induced to frindshippe, then upon knowledge howe farr they have proceaded, what their opinion is of the controversie and in whom the default is, suche furder order may be taken as to their Lordships shalbe thought convenient.

At Starr Chamber, *13° Maij*, 1579.

Lord Chauncellour.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Bedforde.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	

A letter to Mr. Comptroller, Sir Walter Mildmay, the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Attorney Generall that A family quarrel.

whereas Anthonie Bonre (*sic*), esquire, since his imprisonment in the Tower hath at sundrie tymes ben an humble suiter unto their Lordships for the hearing and ordering of a controversie betwene him and Sir John Conway, knight, concerning certen landes, goodes, &c., which he is said injustlie to detaine from hym, as also his wiefe and children harboured and witholden by him in like sorte from the said Anthonie Bonre, wherewith Mr. Comptroller and the Master of the Rolles are partelie acquainted; for as much as their Lordships' leasure will not permitte them to attende the hearing thereof them selves, their Lordships being desierous that some convenient ende might be made thereof, have made choise of them foure, earnestlie desiring them to call before them as well the said Sir John Conway and Anthonie Borne as any others to be produced as witnesses to testifie the truthe of the cause and circumstances on bothe sides, and effectuallie to proceade to the substanciall examinacion of the said controversie, and what they shall finde upon their examining thereof they are requested to certifie unto their Lordships as sone as convenientlie they maie, that thereupon suche fynall ende maie be made betwene both parties as by their Lordships shalbe thought agreable with equitie and justice.

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Lord Chauncellour.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Sir Walter Mildmay.

An arrest at Canterbury.

A letter to the Deane and Archedeacon of Caunterburie and William Cromer, esquire, signifieng the receipt of their letters, together with thexaminacion of John Donne by them stayed in Canterbury for certen leude speches by him uttered in the defence of the Romishe Relligion, appearing furder that he had an intent to have passed over the seas with Anthony Guarras; their Lordships yelde them hartie thancks for

their care in the staye of him, and do require them to sende the said Donne hether unto them under the charg of sume trustie person that maie deliver him here, where he shalbe furder delt withall as shalbe thought convenient.

Gloucester pirates.

A letter to the Sherife of the countie of Gloucester that where long since, at the suite of certen Spaniards and one John Fryer, a Portingall, there was graunted a Commission out of her Majesties Courte of the Admiraltie againste certen of the inhabitauntes of the cittie of Gloucester, for a piracie committed by a flieboate, named a Hounde, upon a Spanishe barque laden with woade and suger, as well for the attaching of the goods spoiled as for the apprehending of the pirates, which although it were accompanied withe their Lordships' letters, yet as yet hathe taken no effecte, and therfore have ben suiters to their Lordships that suche of the said inhabitauntes as are to be charged with the piracie and other officers of the cittie neglecting the furderaunce of justice might be brought before their Lordships to aunswer thereunto; he is required, immediatelie upon the receipte of their Lordships' letters, to attache and sende upe unto their Lordships the personnes whose names are contayned in a schedule inclosed, or of the best of them to take bandes in good somes of money to her Majesties use for their apparence before their Lordships. He is likewise required, upon the apprehencion of anie of the said parties, to cause searche to be made in their owne howses or anie other places whersoever he shall suppose anie of the said goods to be, and to attache the same to the owners' use, and (taking an inventory thereof) to committe the same to safe custodie till he shalbe otherwise directed from their Lordships.

A parson's wife beaten.

A letter to Sir George Penruddock, knight, Giles Escourte, and Giles Thistlethout, esquiers, declaring that by the peticion inclosed they shall understande a complainte exhibited unto their Lorships by one William Hutchinson, late curate of Lauforde within that countie of Wilteshire, againste John Stantor of the same place, for sundrie injuries don unto him by the said Stantor, but especiallie for beating of his wiefe, p. 476.

partelie certified to be true by letters from Richard Audley, of Milchott, esquire; their Lordships willing that this disorder of Stantor should be corrected yf upon upon (*sic*) furder proof it shall fall out to be true, their (*sic*) are therfore required by vertue hereof to call the said Stantor before [them], and to charge him with his misdemeanure, and to examyn suche wittnesses bothe for the proofe thereof and also suche as may be brought fourthe to testifie the truthe on his owne behaulf, and yf it shall appere that Stantor is culpable, then to cause him to be punished according to justice and the said Hutchinson satisfied for the injuries don unto him and his wiefe, or els to certifie in whome the defaulte is.

The cloth trade in the West.

A letter unto Sir John Stowell, knight, Robert Hill and Thomas Mallet, esquires, for staie of the abuses comitted by the clothiers and others of Taunton, and ease of the weavours and tuckers thereaboutes, according to a mynute in the Councell Cheste.

xvij° Maij, 1579, Whitehale.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Thresaurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Earl of Leicester.	Sir Rafe Sadler.
Lord Hunsdon.	Sir Walter Mildmay.

A Messenger assaulted.

A letter to Roger Lygon, esquire, that where their Lordships do understande by his letter of the xiijth of this presente that one John Apleton, offering violence to Thomas Cooke, clarke, being in the handes of David Jenkyn, a Messenger of her Majesties Chamber, under their Lordships' commaundement, hathe sore wo[u]nded the Messenger, wheruppon (as appeareth by his said letter) he hathe not onlie committed Apleton, but also hath taken bands of those of his companie for their apparence before their Lordships; wherfore their Lordships do geve hartie thanckes, and do require him to

cause Apleton to be sent hether fourthwith unto their Lordships, heare to be dealt withall according to the quallitie of his offence, and for Bancrofte and Andrewes that they likewise appeare before their Lordships at the tyme limited in their recognisaunce.

Their Lordships thincke it mete that before Apleton be sent up he joyne with Mr. Pates in th'examinacion of the matter, and to send the examinacion unto their Lordships. **Postscript.*

A letter to the said Lord Maiour of London, Sir Owen Hopton, knight, Lieutenante of the Tower, and Mr. Recorder that where there is depending betwene Anthony Guarras and the Wardens and Fellowshippe of the Drapers a controversie concerning a howse appertayning to that Companie, whereof the said Anthony Guarras hath injoyed a lease by the space of certen yeares, with a convenante for reparacions to be don by Guarras, as more at large shall appeare unto them by the articles which their Lordships sende them inclosed contayning the state of the controversie betwene them; forasmuche as the said Wardens and Company do claime the said lease to be forfeited uppon breache of the covenante, which notwithstanding Guarras semeth in some sorte to answere, and therefore (as also for that he ys verie shortlie to departe the Realme with her Majesties licence) verie desirouse to have some frindlie composicion to be made with them then to attende the tryall therof by lawe, and for that cause hathe ben an humble suiter unto their Lordships to committe the ending thereof to some indifferent personnes, their Lordships have therfor made choyce of them, and do require them to call the Wardens and some few of that Company, as also Gombal Guarras, brother to the said Anthonie, and upon the hearing of the controversie to do their best endevours to compounde the same betwene them, that neither their Lordships or her Majestie be anie furder troubled therewith; and wher the said Anthony Guarras desireth to be restored to certen bookes of accompte, money, obligacions, implementes, p. 477. The Spanish Agent's house.

* Original marginal note.

&c., contained in a seconde bill also sente unto them, they are likewise required to cause the parties nominated in the said bill to appeare before them, and to requier them in their Lordships' names to make restitucion unto him of suche thinges as maie be proved to have come unto their handes and especiallie of the lesyes (*sic*), which if anie of them shall refuse to doe, then to certifie their [Lordships] who they are and the causes of their refusall, that such order maie be taken therein as their Lordships shall thincke convenient.

* *Postscript.* And because yt shalbe necessary that Anthony Guarras be present at the hearing of these causes, Mr. Lieutenante is to bring him to the Lord Maiour under his charge and custodye.

The result of a fray. A letter to Justice Southecotte and the Master of the Rolles that where upon a late fray betwene Henry Nowell, John Wotton and John Parker, gentlemen, one Bullinger, a servante of the said Parker, received a hurte, and is thereof deade; forasmuche as the Coroner is thereupon to examyn of the deathe of the said Bullinger fourthwith, they are required to be present at the informacions given and hearing of the cause, and not to proceade to any indictement untill all parties and circumstances be sufficientlie examined, that lawe and justice maye have their due course.

A letter to the Coroner of London requiring him to advertise Mr. Justice Southcot and Mr. Recorder of the tyme that he intendeth to take for the hearing and inquiring of the deathe of Bullinger aforesaid, that they maie assiste and advise him for his better proceading therein, &c.

p. 478. The disputed inheritance. A letter directed to John Chamberlein, esquier, and other the tenantes of the Manor of Cuttislow in the county of Oxford, that wheras they have in ther occupacion certen landes in the said Maner of Cuttislow, parcell of the inheritance of Anthony Borne, by reason there is sume controversie betwen him and Sir John Conwey, knight, yet undecided, they are required to make stay in their handes of soch rentes

* Original marginal note.

as shalbe by them dewe, and further collect all soch arrerages as are yet unpayd, and to cause the same summes to be safe kept to be herafter answered as their Lordships, or any four of them, shall signify unto them.

A letter to the Vicechancellour and Maiour of the University and town of Cambridge, signifyeng unto them that uppon some conference had bi their Lordships touchinge the inclosinge of the common called Jesus Greene, it was thought convenient that the said Maiour and others of the towne either wholie plucke upp the said inclosure or els to make such open gapps and entryes therin as bothe men and beestes might have the use thereof as hertofore they had; and where it hath [been] alledged on the Maiour's and townes' behalf that they ment only to enclose yt only for this yere, minding to employe the commodity that shold arrise thereby to the benefitt of the poore, that albeyt their Lordships do not mislike of their good and charitable meaning to releave soch persons, yet think yt convenient for avoyding of soch inconveniences as otherwise may arrise that before they attempt the like hereafter they conferr with the Vicechancelour and others of the University interessed, and have their full and laufull consent before; and if so the said common may be thought meete to be enclosed for a time for soch a purpose and after layd open again, their Lordships leave it to their discrecion to do as they shall see cause, so as it be without any inconvenience or breache of peace; and so thancking the Vicechancelour for the care he toke in keping the schollers in good order when the inclosure was, their Lordships trust this well content and suffice both parties. p. 479.

A letter to the Lord Chancelour that whereas her Majesty is enformed that Sir John Throckmorton, knight, shold have ben privye to a fraudulent conveyance of a certen parcell of the inheritance of the Lady Elizabeth Windesore, wiffe to George Puttenham, his brother in lawe, for the said ladye and her heires, her Majestie being desirous to have the troth of the said informacion understode, hath willed ther Lordships to require him, calling unto him the two Lordes Chief Justices, Lady Windsor's case.

Lady Windsor's case.

uppon the perusing of a note enclosed and soch further matter as shalbe exhibited unto him on the ladyes behalf, to consider what conveiances and writinges had passed between the said lady, Sir John Throckmorton, George Puttenham and others, and whether it can be proved that any soch fraud hath ben committed as is pretended, and there uppon to advertise ther Lordships of the state of the matter, what he shall have found and of his opinion.

p. 480. A letter to Mr. Comptroller, Mr. Secretary Wilson, Sir Walter Mildemay and the Master of the Rolls, or any three of them, that wheras their Lordships have ben at sondry times trobled with a matter in controversie between the Lady Elizabeth Windesor and George Puttenham, her husband, touching certen demaundes made by the said lady to be allowed soch summes of mony as have ben adjudged unto her in the Courtes of the Arches and Delegates, and further the joyntures of her former mariages; forasmoch as the said Puttenham alledgeth him self unable to yeild so moch as the lady requireth, their Lordships having no convenient leasure to heare and end the matter them selfes, require them or any three of them to consider of the allegations on both sides, and thereuppon to do their best endevour that by the consentes of both parties sume certen order may be sett down for the releaving of the lady as in their discrecions shalbe thought reasonable; and if they also could compound all matters between them, their Lordships thinck that they shold do a verry good dead, and therefore pray them to take sume paines to bring the same to passe if it maye.

p. 481. xxth of Maye, 1579, Starre Chamber.

Lord Chauncellour.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Earl of Leycester.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Chapter of Peterborough and their tenants.

A letter to the Deane and Chapter of Peterboroughe that where Edward Hellaye complainethe that by the indirecte dealing of William Lacye, theyr stuarde, he hathe ben defeited of certen copiehold landes, parcell of the manner of Fiskerton, descending unto him in the right of Thomas Helay, his uncle, deceased, for recovery whereof the said Helay hathe ben suiter as well in her Majesties Courte of Requestes as other places, and yet cannot (by reason of the indirecte dealing of the said stewarde) prevaile againste him, and therfore are required fourthwith to examyn the doinges of the said Lacy, their steward, and yf it shall appeare unto them that thinformacion of the said Helay againste him be true, then to cause the poore man to be imediatelie restored to the possession of his landes, and such recompence to be made unto him by Lacye as in conscience shalbe thought mete; and if anie impediment be that Helay cannot be restored to his landes, then to certifie unto their Lordships that they may take suche furder order therein as by their Lordships shalbe thought convenient.

An Admiralty case.

A letter to Doctor Gibbons, Doctor Drury, Doctor Martyn and Doctor Husey that where there hathe depended in the Court of the Admiraltie betwene Folke Aldersey and Peter Newall, merchauntes of Chester, and one Gilliam Michellot of St. Mallo a matter in controversie, and there at their suite condemned in the somme of 3,000*li* to be payed unto them in satisfaction of 5,000*li* spoiled and taken from them by a shippe of St. Mallo, and after sentence Michellot, by appeale, broght the matter before them; forasmuch as they complaine of delayes used by Michellot, whereby they are driven to intollerable charg, being almost already undon by reason of this and other losses latelie sustayned at the seas by that nacion, their Lordships doe therfore require them to proceade to some finall ende of the cause before them, that justice maie not be delayed but administered withe expedicion.

Horses for Scotland.

A letter to the Lord Scrope that where their Lordships are given to understande that, contrarie to the lawes of the

Borders, suche numbers of horses are dailie solde thether that they are growen to be verie well horsed, and her Majesties subjectes eche where on the Borders greatelie unfurnished; to avoyde the dainger that maie followe thereof hereafter he is required to have specialle care thereunto within his charge, and in the meane while to enquire what personnes they be
p. 482. that have ben sellers and conveyours of horses into that Realme and to geve order for their punishment accordingly; and also to lay waight at faires and markettes within his Wardenry what horses are there bought to be conveyed into Scotlande, and yf anie there shalbe, in any case not to suffer them to passe but according to suche orders and customes as before tyme lawfullie hathe ben used.

Suspicious assemblies.

A letter to Peter Wentworthe requiringe him, so sone as he convenientlie maie, to make his repaire before their Lordships for such causes as shall at his cominge be declared unto him; and where their Lordships are enformed that there are greate resortes of sondrie persones unto his house of Lillingstone out of their owne parishes to receave the Communion, he is required in the meane time that none be admitted therto of anie forreine places, but such as be of his owne parishe onlie, and the rest be admonished to forbeare to resort thither untill he shall understande their Lordships' further pleasure.

A Northampton culprit.

To the Maiour and his brethren of Northampton requiringe them to sende upp unto their Lordships the person of one Flower *alias* called Guye, an inhabitant of that towne latelie committed to prison by order from the Bishop of Peterborough, under the charge of some trustie persones of the towne, without permittinge him to have conference with him (*sic*) by the waye; and wheras it is enformed that the said Flower should heretofore in that towne have used these or such like speaches—"What if we have a wicked Prince? What; shall we obeye
p. 483. her conscience? No; I will not"; with suche like wordes, for which it is said he was onlie at that time in the Maioraltie of Mr. Ransforde emprisoned for one night, they are

required to call to remembraunce what the wordes were, and how the matter then passed, and to certifie the throth therof unto their Lordships as they shalbe hable to justyfie and maintaine the same.

Religion in Northants.

To the Bishop of Peterboroughe and Sir John Spencer, Sir Edmunde Brudnell and Sir Edwarde Montague, knightes, and Roger Cave, esquiour, and to any fower or three of them, that where by letters from the Bishop their Lordships were advertised how that by reason of his sicknes he was not hable to repaire to Northampton for the reformiuge of certaine disorders in matters ecclesiasticall which were enformed to be in that towne, he is againe required, in case he shalbe recovered, with the rest to repaire thither, or so manie of them as convenientlie may, callinge unto them Mr. Shepparde, the Archdeacon, and Mr. Smith, parson of Blisworth, and dilligentlie to informe them selves of all such disorders in that towne as either Jenninges, the minister there, or anie other can deliver unto them in that behalf; and in case the Lord Bishop cannot by reason of his sicknes present him self, that Sir John Spencer and the rest faile not to be present and to proceade to thexamininge of the said disorders, that they maie be reformed accordinglie, and to certifie their Lordships what they shall have done and founde therin. Touching such persones as the Lord Bishop writethe repaire in great nombers out of their owne parishes to Lillingston, he is advertised that their Lordships have sent for Peter Wenteworthe to appeare before them, mindinge at his coming to take suche order with him as the case shall require, and further have written their letters to the Maiour of Northampton to sende up Flower to aunswer such lewde speches as he is said to have uttered.

p. 484. Passports.

A pasporte, &c., for Christofer Baron of Gunershorf, Georg Baron of Hofkirchen, and Adam Pesse, gentleman of Almaigne birthe, to passe from hence into the Realmes of Scotlande and Ireland, and for provision of horses for them and five servantes and other thinges necessarie for their voyage.

A pasporte, &c., for Dunckan Baulforde, James Lermont, James Ramsey, Normant Nymmes, Normant Moniponye, John Drisedalle and Alexander Hume, Scottish gentlemen, to repaire into Scotlande and to see them furnished of thinges necessarie for their journeye, &c.

The Star Chamber.

This daie Samuell Stanley of Thoworsbie, in the countie of Nottingham, gentleman, and Mathewe Babington of Tinmor, in the countie of Stafford, gentleman, were by the Lordes of the Councell commanded to appere before their Lordships the seconde setting in the Starr Chamber the next Terme, there to answer a certen mater depending before their Lordships, for the performance whereof they bothe acknowledged before the Lord Chancellour a recognisance eche of them in the somme of cc^{li}, and so were licenced to departe.

A summons obeyed.

This daie Thomas Cooke, Prebendary of Gloucester, being sent for by ther Lordships of her Majesties Privie Councell, hath made his apparence and required to make his attendaunce untill he shall be dismissed by their Lordships.

23° Maij, 1579, Whitehall.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Bedforde.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
	Sir Walter Mildmaye.

The condition of Portsmouth.

Ten letters to the Archebushoppe of Caunterbury, the Bishop of London, Bishops of Winchester, Chichester, Worcester, Lincoln, Bath and Wells, Salisbury, Norwich and Ely, accompanying her Majesties Letters Patentes for demaunding reliefe for spoiles sustayned by sea and fyer [by] the inhabitantes of Portesmouthe, according to the mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

24 May, 1579, Westminster. p. 485.

Lord Chancelour.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlayn.	Sir Henry Sidneye.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	

Lord Shrewsbury's tenants.

Otwell Higgenbothom being appon a letter of the Erle of Shrewsburyes (enforming their Lordships that he shold have given out that he had 200 good fellowes to assist his Lordship's tenantes of Glossopdale against his Lordship), sent for up by their Lordships' letter unto the Sheriff of Chester, was appon his apparence here committed to the Mareshalseye.

Burglary in the West.

A letter to Mr. Sergeauntes Anderson and Popham for the bayling of one Boland, sent for out of the county of Wiltes-hire and committed by their Lordships for a conspiracye to have robbed Sir John Horner's house and a certen clothier in the county of Somersett, if they thought it might be don by lawe; wherto their Lordships have ben the willinger to yeld for that by the said Sergeantes' letter it is reported that the said Boland discovered the said conspiracye in a sorte so as it was prevented, althoughe it were not by him don so fully as it shold have have (*sic*) ben, &c.

p. 486.
A summons.

A letter to Sir John Conwaye, knight, to make his indelayed repaire before their Lordships for such causes as shalbe declared unto him at his cominge.

As to the execution of a will.

A letter to Sir John Hibault, Kenelm Digby, Kenelm Throgmorton and Thomas Throgmorton, esquiours, requiringe them to take some paines in endinge of a matter in controversie betwene George Digbye and his brethren on thone side and Sir John Throgmorton, knight, about the execution of their father's and mother's last will, the charge wherof (as it is enformed) was committed to the said Sir John, and bothe parties aforesaid being called before their Lordships have submitted them selves to stande to their order therein;

and for that purpose they are required in their Lordships' name to require William Dodington, one of her Majesties Auditours,' to take a perfecte accompte of all such reconinges as shalbe exhibited on both sides, and so either to ende the matter betwene them (if it maye be), or to advertise their Lordships what they shall have don and in whome the default is.

The Spanish Ambassador's servant.

To the Lord Maiour of London with a peticion inclosed in the behalf of the Spanishe Ambassadour's servant, requiring him uppon perusinge therof and such informacion as the partie can geve, to call before him the within-named Walter Slifielde, and to understand of him for what cause he refusethe to make paiement unto the said complainant of the money demaunded by him longe sithe to be dewe; and so to compounde the matter betwene them, if it maye be, or els to advertise what he shall have done and what Slifielde's habilitie is to aunswer the debt, if it shalbe proved to be dewe, to thintent that further order maie be taken therin by their Lordships.

p. 487. Warrants for payment.

A warraunt to Sir Thomas Heneage, Threasurer of her Majesties Chamber, to paie unto James Fell for the bringinge of letters and John Donne, gentleman, from Canterburye, who had an intention to goe over the seas with Anthony Guerras, the somme of three poundes.

A summons.

A letter to the Bishop of Hereforde that he and his Register should repaire hither to aunswer a complainte preferred by one Watkins against them.

The Duchy of Lancaster.

A letter to the Chancelour of the Dutchie sendinge unto him a complaint of one Richard Bunnye, esquire, aswell in his owne behalf as of other her Majesties tenantes of Marnifielde and Altoftes, against one Frestone; forasmuch as the same are parcells of the Dutchie of Lancaster they praie him to examine the matter, and to take such order therin as he shall thincke agreable with lawe and justice and for the maintenance of her Majesties and her tenantes rightes.

A matrimonial case.

A letter to the Bishop of London and others of the Highe Commission Ecclesiasticall that where there dependeth before them a certaine matter touching the lawfullnes of a mariage betwene one William Dorington and Mistress Zouche, sister to the Lord Montegle, they are required with as much expedicion as they can to proceade to a finall determinacion and sentence therein; and where the said Dorington was by the said Bishop committed to prison for his ill behaviour and wordes against him and some of her Highnes' Counsell, forasmuch as he being brought before their Lordships hath acknowledged his fault and asked forgevenes, their Lordships are contented, in case he can put in good suerties to be forthcominge and attendant uppon the said Commissioners till the cause of his mariage shalbe by them determined, and then follow their order and judgment, he maie be forthwith released from further imprisonment. p. 488.

The Spanish Corporation and the Spanish trade.

A letter to the President and others of the Companie tradinge Spaine and Portingall that whereas their Lordships are enformed that the merchantes of their Companie in the Citie of London and other places of the Realme make preparacions to goe into Spaine, for the especiall care which their Lordships have of their well doinge, and considering in what dangers both of pirates on the seas and of the Turkes galleyes in the Streightes their shippes may stande, their Lordships advise them and in her Majesties name straightlie charge them that they, the said President and others, by vertue of their Charter of Corporacion take good order amonge them selves that none of their shippes be suffred to goe into Spaine straglinge aparte, but that such a reasonable nomber of shippes be bounde to goe together and retorne home as they shall thinck convenient and sufficient to prevente and meete with all attemptes and dangers that maie happen on the seas, either by the said pirates or the Turkes galleyes; and, further, where it is enformed that such commodities as they bringe from thence, as wines, oiles and especiallie fruite, are by them solde at verie high prices, unles at their retorne the prices of such thinges shalbe

abated, their Lordships before their goinge over thought good to geve them to understande that they shalbe enforced to
p. 489. set a price theron them selves, and therfore require the said President, &c., to signifie so muche unto such persones as are speciallie sent upp at this present from such other places of the Realme as trafficque into those countries, to conferr with them uppon such thinges as concerne the whole Companie and of their generall order to be taken in the premisses. They are required before their preparacion of shipping may be made, either in the Porte of London or other place for Spaine, to advertise their Lordships, to th'intent, if neade shall so require, their Lordships maye geve them such further advise therin as shalbe thought requisite.

xxv May, 1579, at the Lord Tresorer's house.

Present :—

Lord Chauncelor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	

The Family of Love.

A letter to Sir Robert Wingfielde, Sir Robert Jermin and Sir Phillip Parker, knightes, advertising them of the receipt of their letters touchinge the increase of such Sectaries within that countie as pretende to be of the Familie of Love, thancking them for their carefullnes therin, for remedie wherof their Lordships enforme them how that they have written to the Lord Bishop of that Diocesse to repaire into that countie and, joininge together with them Mr. Doctour Still and other learned ministers of that place, to call the said Sectaries before them, and first with godly perswasions and conference to seeke to withdrawe them from their erroneous opinions, and in case they shall refuse to conforme them selves accordinglie, then to commit them to prison to be forthcominge to aunswer their doinges before

the Justices of the Assises at their next cominge downe according to lawe. p. 490.

To the Bishop of Norwich, together with a copie inclosed of a letter sent unto their Lordships from certaine of the Justyces of the Peace in the countie of Suffolke, advertisinge him that in that shire is verie much increased a dangerouse Secte of those which terme them selves to be of the Familie of Love, for the An unfinished entry.

xxviij° Maij, 1579, Whitehall.

Lord Chauncellor.	Lord of Hunsdon.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Bedforde.	

A letter to the Lord Cheife Justice of her Majesties Benche that where complainte hathe ben made unto their Lordships by certen pore tenantes of Sir Henry Curwen, knight, of his lordship of Thornethwayt in the countie of Cumberlande, shewing that their ancestours have of long tyme successively ben tenantes of certen holds appertaynning unto the said lordship, and by devise had ben forced to paye two severall fynes for their better assuraunce of their estates in the said holdes called Gressomes, were notwithstanding dispossed (*sic*) and other leases thereof graunted to others by the said Sir Henry, whereupon the said poore men, having recourse to the Lord President and Councell at Yeork, were againe by order of that Court restored to the possession of their said holdes; forasmuche as the personnes to whome the later leases were graunted have commenced suite in her Majesties Benche against them, to their utter undoing, as they complaine, their Lordships therfore, upon conference with the Lord President, finding the informacion of the pore men to be true, and finding that yf they should be dispossed of their holdes and tenementes Border tenant-right.

it woulde be a weakning to the Borders, where by vertue of their tenure they are bounde upon any occasion of defence to serve the Quene at their owne charges, have thought it necessary in their behaulf to desyre his Lordship to advise of some good wayes how the said suite may conveniently be stayed, and no furder proceaded in before him for a tyme, wishing rather that some reasonable ende maie be made thereof betwene the parties by the Lord President at Yeorke, where fore (*sic*) the nerenesse of the place the same maie be don with lesse trouble and charges on bothe sides, for the better furdering whereof their Lordships will write their letters to take some paynes therein accordingly.

p. 491. Burglary in Wales. A letter to the Vicepresident and Councell in the Marches of Walles that where complaint hathe ben made unto their Lordships by one John Wollarie, as well on his owne behaulf as his mistress, Joanne Hauntley, that about the xjth of Aprill last his mistress' howse was besett, there was taken from them (by certen disordered persones), the somme of lxxx^{li} in readie money, besides jewells to a greate value, and that since that tyme they have caused Thomas Reynolds, Thomas Pricheards and his boy, John Allen, Roberte Hawkes and John Wilkes to be attached upon suspicion of committing the said burglary, who labor earnestly to be bayled, to thende not to abyde their triall by lawe or make satisfaction; they are therefore required to forbeare the bayling of anie of them untill the matter be throughely examined, and that it maie appeare they shalbe able to cleare them selves of the said facte.

The law in Wales. A letter to the Vicepresident and Councell in the Marches of Walles that where at the complainte of Sir John Perrot, knight, they have called before them Thomas Lloyd, esquire, Sheriffe of the county of Carmarden, who is by him charged to have in disordered manner attempted to execute a proces upon him, being accompaned with 100 persons, whereof Sir John receiving advertisement sent his servantes, as he signifieth by his letter to Mr. Fox which

is sent herewith unto them, unto the Sherif at two sundry tymes, requiring him that he would sent (*sic*) the processe by his Under Sheriffe or come him self in some other order, which he affirmethe the Sherif refused; and where, on the other side, the Sherife alleagethe he had but xxx^tie personnes, and seemeth to shewe some reason why he went so garded, as appeareth by his letter unto Mr. Comptroller which is also herewith sent unto them, and because their Lordships thinke it necessary that the truthe on either side should be effectually examined, they have therfore thought good to require them with some dilligence to enter into thexaminacion of the matter, especiallie in two poyntes, viz.; whether the Sherife endevoring to serve the proces was accompanied with an hundred personnes, as Sir John affirmeth, and what number in truthe he had; and whether the Sherife, being sent unto from Sir John to sende the proces by his Under Sheriffe or to come him self in a more orderlie sorte for the executing thereof, refused so to doe; which when they shall have examined they are required to certifie forthwith their Lordships what they shall finde, that suche furder order maye be taken by their Lordships as shalbe thought convenient. In the meane tyme they are to dismisse the personnes attendant before them who have appeared to answere their doinges for accompaning of the Sherife, taking bandes of them for their apparence at all tymes when they shalbe required, that yf hereafter the matter shall fall oute againste them, they maie answere it accordingly.

Theyr Lordships are advertised of an outrage committed * *Postscript.*
by a servante of Sir John Perrottes upon the Under Sheriffe of the said Lloyde endevoring to serve a proces, which they are also to examyn and thereof to certifie their Lordships.

A warrant to Sir Thomas Heneage, knight, Threasurer of p. 492.
her Majesties Chamber, to paye unto Hercules Rollocke, Scottish claims.
Scottishman, the summe of twentie pounds by way of her Majesties speciall rewarde bestowed uppon him in considera-

* Original marginal note.

cion of his losse sustained on the seas by an Englishe pirate, beinge recommended also by letters from the King of Scottes for restitucion.

Sir Humphrey Gilbert and Sir Walter Raleigh.

A letter to Sir John Gilbert that wheras heretofore their Lordships wrote their letters to his brother, Sir Humfrey, that either he would in respecte of divers misfortunes wherwith he had been crossed forbeare to proceade any further in his intended voyage, or els put in good bandes and suerties to her Majesties use for his and his companyes good behaviour on the seas; by letters of his of the vjth of this present and Sir Humfreyes of the viijth their Lordships understoode that haveing before the receipt therof repaired to the seas, and could not without great losse staie, did not performe the said order accordingly, in the meane time the said Sir John assured their Lordships that his brother and his companie were cleere of suche complaintes as were made of spoiles and injuries to be by them committed, and did undertake to be aunswerable for them; howbeit sith that time complaintes have ben brought before their Lordships of the like disorders committed by his brother or his companie, and that sith the date of the said letters he hath a good whiles remained on that coast, and hath not put in bandes accordinglie; and amongst the rest it is complained by Gonzala de Levilia, a Spaniarde that the iiijth of this present his brother as it is said being at his house of Grenewaye, which was the verie same daie on which he writeth his brother to be departed to the seas, a certain barke laden with orenges and lemons lyinge at anker was, by some of his brother's companie, taken out of her Majesties streames at Walfled Bay within the Castell, p. 493. he is required to see the said Spaniard restored to his barke and goodes or otherwise sufficientlie recompenced; and for that their Lordships are advertised that his brother, Sir Humfrey, is not yet departed and his brother, Walter Rawley retorned to Dartmouthe, like as their Lordships have written to the Sheriffe, Viceadmiral and Justices of that countie to commande them both to staie, so he is required frendlie to

advise them to surcease from proceeding anie further, and to remaine at home and answer such as have been by their companie domaged.

A letter to the Sheriffe, Viceadmirall and Justices of Peace in the county of Devon, &c., requiringe them to assemble them selves together in some mete place, and there, with the assistaunce of the Maiour and other officers of priviledged townes, take order that no person or shipping passe to the seas in warlike manner, although the parties would put in bandes and suerties for their good behaviour, commanding them, uppon paine of her Majesties indignacion, to desist from any such enterprise, and that forth[with] they charge Sir Humfrey Gilbert and his companie, if he be not allreadie departed and maye convenientlie be sent unto, to repaire to lande, and Walter Rawley, his brother, Eltophe and other, who are retorned to Dartmouthe, to remaine on lande, in her Majesties name charginge everie of them to surcease to proceade in that their enterprised journeye, and to medle no further therin without expresse order from their Lordships; and where a certaine Spanishe vessell laden with lemons and orenges is found to have ben taken [out] of her Highnes' porte at Dartmouthe by some of Sir Humfrey Gilbertes men, and the persones afterwarde landed at Torbaye, they are required to make diligent enquirie therof and to doe their best endevours for the apprehendinge and committinge of th'offendours to be aunswerable to lawe for their misdemeanours; and Sir John Gilbert who had undertaken to aunswer for his brother's doinges, is required to content the complainant so as he may departe satisfied and procure (*sic*) no further inconvenience, as their Lordships also have written in a letter aparte to him self.

A letter to Thomas Trentham, Richard Baggot and ——— Aderley, esquires, towchinge Thomas Stanley and Mathewe Babington, concerning certaine speaches to be uttered by John Bowes, which the said Stanley affirmeth was said by Mr. Babington that the said Bowes had spoken, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

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Lewd words.

Western Adventurers.

A letter to the Maiour of Plimouth and John Fitz, esquire, touchinge thexaminacions by them taken of James Pecock and others latelie arrived at Plimouthe, thancking them for their pains therin taken, and further requiringe them, uppon communicacion with Pecock and Cheeke, to staie and substanciallie examine such others as they shall understande to have ben of that companye touchinge these matters, taking good bandes and suerties for their forthcoming and apparance before their Lordships when they shalbe called for; in the meane [time] that they have regarde that none repaire to the seas in warlike manner, according as their Lordships' letters written to the Justices, &c., of that countie.

A letter to the Sheriff, Viceadmirall, in the countye of Devon, *ut supra*, &c., that wheras a certaine hulke named the Marye Fortune, of London, was enformed to be threatned to be taken by certaine persones lyvinge uppon that coast, so as she could not goe on her intended voyage into Barbarie, they should have a care, and geve order that the said shipp might safelie goe on her voyage, and for that purpose either commit the parties who use such threatning speaches, or els take bondes and suertyes of them that they should use no molestacion or empeachment.

p. 495. xxixth, at the Starr Chamber.

Lord Chauncelour.	Erle of Bedforde.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
	Sir Walter Mildmaye.

Books illegally detained.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of London that wheras he hath arrested certaine drifattes and bales of bookes belonging unto the Brickmans and other stationers, strangeres, delivered to the cariers of Cambridge to be conveyed thither, uppon pretence that they were forreine bought and solde and so forfeicted by the charter of that citie, he is required to forbeare to proceade against the stationers for anie bookes so

appointed to be sent to the Universities untill their title shalbe further shewed before their Lordships.

The assault on the Messenger.

Whereas Christofer Bancrofte and Symon Androwes were before Roger Higons, esquire, Justice of Peace in the county of Gloucester, bounde as this daie to appeare before the Lordes of her Majesties Privye Councell to aunswere and testifie their knowledges concerning the hurting of David Jenkins, one of the Messengers of her Majesties Chamber, by one John Apleton at Leachelade in the countie aforesaid, the said Bancroft and Androwes according to their said bande have desired to have their apparences recorded for the safegarde of their said bande, and are commanded to attende their Lordships' pleasures untill uppon the hearing of the matter they shalbe dismissed.

Lord Shrewsbury's tenants.

A letter to therle of Shrewsberye that wheras Otwell Higgenbothom havinge appeared before their Lordships and charged with the wordes contained in his Lordship's letters touchinge the assistance of his Lordships tenantes in Glossopdale, and also with the deposicion of Robert Booth *viva voce* taken here, it appearethe that he is charged by the said Booth not to have said that he had the persones in a readines, but simplie that he said two hundreth would assist the tenantes, which also standeth uppon the affirmacion of thone and deniall of thother; it is thought meete by their Lordships that the said Otwell should repaire to his Lordship and submit him self to his favour, and that his Lordship should, if he should see more cause than their Lordships doe, binde him to the good behaviour.

At Whythaul, the laste of May, 1579. p. 496.

Presente:—

Lord Chancellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admiral.	Sir Henry Sydney.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Earl of Bedforde.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Leycester.	

A Gloucestershire quarrel.

A letter to Sir Thomas Lucye, Sir John Thracye and Thomas Throgmorton, esquire, requiring them to examine a complainte exhibited unto their Lordships by Anthony and Richard Bonners againste Thomas Smythe, esquire, of the county of Glocester, for sundrye injuryes and molestacion don unto them by the said Smythe, and uppon the effectuall examinacion thereof to make some convenient ende of the controversie betwene them; in the meane whyle, forasmuch as the said Bonners feare the saftie of their persons in respecte of the said Smyth, they are required to take bondes of the said Smythe to maintaine her Majesties peace towardes the said Bonners, &c.

Piracy in the Channel.

A letter to Sir Edward Horseye, knight, Capten of the Isle of Wight, to sende upp George Dennys, John Lerye and a Dutche man, lately by him apprehended and committed to prison for piracie at the sute of one Gorret Turman, a merchant of the Stilliarde, who hath requested to have them sent upp to th'intent they might receave their triall before the Judge of the Admiraltye according to lawe.

A letter to the Sheriff, Viceadmirall, Commissioners of Piracies and Justices of Peace in the county of Devon requiringe them to make diligent enquirie of all piracies by seas and robberies by lande committed by anye suche persones
p. 497. which heretofore pretended to accompanie Sir Humfrey Gilbert, knight, Walter Rawley, Fortescue and others in their voyages, and to either commit them to prison, or, if they shall so see cause, to take good bandes of them to be forthcominge to aunswer to such thinges as they shalbe charged with according to lawe; commaunding the rest of the mariners and companie, being of other countyes of the Realme, either to repaire home to the places of their former aboade, geving them their pasportes, or if they will remaine there, to be of such good behaviour as no complainte be made of their misdemeanors; and whereas it is enformed unto their Lordships that those disorded personnes make their aboade commonlye in the roade of Torbay, and having committed any piracies bring the spoile to lande, they are required all in generall, and

especiallie the Commissioners for Piracies and the Justices of Peace dwelling thereabout, and principallie Mr. Carye of Cockington, to have diligent care for the safetie of the shippes that repaire thither, and for removing of the said pirates and apprehencion of them when they shall come to lande after any such facte by them committed, and either to commit them to safe custodie or take bandes of them to be forthcoming to aunswer to lawe.

The seizure of books.

A letter to the Lord Maiour, Aldermen and Recorder of the City of London that whereas their Lordships are enformed that it was promised that the drifattes and bales of bookes latelie staid should be delivered to the parties to be sent to the Universities, yet, nevertheles, it is thought uppon that delivered they shalbe arrested by processe out of the Exchequier uppon pretense of a Statute *xxv^to^ Henrici* 8., they are required to enjoyne the bookebinders, who are said to follow the matter, to forbeare to molest the parties by anie such processe, but forthwith repaire unto their Lordships to shewe what lawfull cause they have to maintaine their doinges.

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The Dyers' Company.

A letter to the Warden of the Diers that they would appointe two skillfull men of their Companye, thone a silk dier thother a clothe dier, to repaire into Moscovia and Persia with such of the Companye of merchantes trading those places as shortlie are to repaire thither, to learne and be instructed in a certaine perfecte arte of dyinge without woade used in those countreyes with a certaine matteriall called anyle of Persia, which maye be had in great quantity from thence and far better cheape then woade is here; wherby forasmuch as their Lordships are enformed there will redounde both to the whole Realme and to that Companye a great benefit and commoditye, their Lordships doubt not but that they will amonges them defraye the charges of the said ij persones which shalbe sent thither, or if they shall have anye laufull cause to the contrary or neade their Lordships' helpe in the matter, they are required to enforme their Lordships what their meaninge and desire is.

An old story.

A letter to Sir Richard Grenevyle, knight, Richard Trevanion and Robert Trencreke, esquires, that where there was a Commission under the Privye Seale addressed out of her Majesties Courte of Requestes unto Mr. Trencreeke and Trevanion to examine a certaine matter in controversie betwene Sir John Killegrew, knight, and ——— Farnaby, and nothinge is retorned from them, the said Sir Richard is required to signifie unto them that they have forgotten their duetie, and to require them to sende upp such examinacions under both their handes as they have taken, or if the matter be not examined, then the said Sir Richard to joyne with them, or any two of them, in thexaminacions of such witnesses as shalbe produced on both sides, and so to ende the matter betwene them by both their consentes if they can, or els them 3 or any two of them, wherof the said Sir Richard to be one, to make certificate of their doinges unto their Lordships.

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Border tenant-right.

A letter to the Erle of Huntington signifieng unto him that where complaint hathe been made unto their Lordships by the tenantes of Sir Henry Curwen, of his lordship of Thornethwaite in the county of Cumberlande, concerning a suite comenced against them in her Majesties Benche by certen persones unto whome Sir Henry had made newe leases of their holds and tenementes, wherewith his Lordship hathe been heretofore made acquainted, their Lordships wrote their letters to the Lord Cheife Justice, prayeng him to advise of some good meanes how the saide suite might be stayed and no furder proceaded in for a tyme before him, thinking it more mete, if it might be, that it shold be ended by his Lordship; he is therefore earnestlie desired at his returne to Yeorke to call bothe parties before him, and to do his best indevour to ende the controversie betwene them by waie of composicion, if it maie be, and to perswade as well the said Sir Henry to some conscionable consideracion of the matter, as also to induce the parties to whome the later leases were by him made to yielde to some good and charitable ende therein such as his Lordship shall in equitie

and conscience thincke to be meete, which is referred to his Lordship's carefull consideracion, prayeng him to certifie what he shall have don, that thereupon, yf nede shall require, some other course maie be taken to prevent herein the poore men's furder vexacion.

A letter to the Highe Commissioners that where there hathe ben brought before their Lordships one Thomas Cooke, a Prebendary of Glocester, charged to have counterfeited the Bishop of Winchester's hande unto a bill for the graunte of his Prebend at Glocester, which was in February last presented to the Queen and by her signed, whereby he hathe cautellouslie obtaigned the sayd Prebende; forasmuche as since upon examinacion of the matter, and the bill showed to the Bishop, he deniethe the same to be his hande, and thereupon the said Cooke being charged therewith before their Lordships, he alleageth that one Robert Cooke, Keper of the White Lyon in Southwarke, latelie deceased, procured the said Bishop's hande unto the bill for him, who had in consideracion of his paynes therein v^{li} as he affirmethe, their Lordships, desierouse to have the truthe thereof sifted out to the uttermost, thoght it good to committe the examinacion of the matter unto them, requiring them, after they shall have informed them selfes from the Bishop of the counterfeiting of his hande, to call the said Cooke before them and effectuallie to examyn him withe suche wittnesses as he offerrethe to produce for the clearing of him self in this behaulf, and substanciallie to consider of the personnes and circumstances, and to certifie unto their Lordships with as convenient dilligence as they maie what they finde thereof, that thereupon suche punishment maie be inflicted upon those in whome the fault shall appeare to remayne. A charge of fraud.

A letter to the Erle of Bedford that at his coming down into the county of Devon, calling unto him for his better assistance Sir Gawen Carewe, knight, Edmund Tremayne, esquire, &c., he wold consider of a Supplication enclosed of Mr. Francis Buthed, being by her Majesty by word of mouthe recommended unto him, and calling all parties interessed p. 500. A Western dispute.

before him to end the controversyes betwene them, or els certifye their Lordships of their doinges, and will soch of them as will not conforme them selves to reason to appeare before their Lordships.

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* Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Lord of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Hunsdon.	

Warrant for payment.

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paie unto Phabian Phillippes, esquire, the some of one hundred markes for service don by order from the Quenes Majestie.

Leonard Dacre's rising.

A placard to all Justices of Peace, Maiours, &c., for the apprehending of one Christofer Ellet, having robbed one William Johnson of Naworthe in the countie of Comberland of his goodes and cattells to the valewe of iiij$^{xx\ li}$ at the time of the commotion of Leonarde Dacres.

Conflicting rights in the Tyne.

A letter unto the Erle of Northumberlande that where by appointement of the Maiour and officers of Newcastell a crayer laden with certen wax to be brought hether for her Majesties use was by William Slingesbye, John Smithe and others, anchoring before the Northe Sheles within the river of Tyne, verie disorderedly entred, and the said wax seased and by force taken away, by what authoritie their Lordships knowe not; he is therfore desired fourthwith upon the receipte hereof to geve order unto the said
p. 501. Slingesbye and the rest that the said wax be imediatelie delivered, by bill indented, unto the said barke, to be accordingly brought and delivered at London; and whereas they of Newcastle complaine that not only this acte of the seasure of the said wax hathe ben don within their jurisdiction of the river, where they clayme exemption from the

* The names are given in the margin.

Castle, but that they have ben daily encroched upon by those of the Castle, contrary to right and order, whereof they have desired redresse at their Lordships' handes, and because theyr Lordships do tender especiallie her Highnes' right in respecte of the said Castle, they have therfore appointed this bearer to attende his Lordship to informe him particularly in what order their liberties have ben interrupted by those of the Castle, and how farr by proofe their jurisdiction is extended within the said ryver, prayeng his Lordship to conferre with him and to understand what those of Newcastle do demande, and to consider what of ancient tyme hathe appertained unto the Castle and the liberties of the same, and thereof to make reporte unto the Lord Threasurer, that therupon order may be taken for the maintenance of quietnes betwene those of the towne and the Castle, without prejudice of her Majesties right.

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Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Hunsdon.	Sir Walter Mildmay.

The Marshalsea.

A warrant to the Knight Mareshall to receive into his custodie the persons of Christofer Bancrofte and Simon Androwes, to remaine prisonners untill by their Lordships' order they shalbe relesed.

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The Spanish prize.

A letter to Sir Christofer Heydon and Sir William Buttes, knightes, William Heydon, esquire, Viceadmirall of the countie of Norffolk, &c., that where a certaine barke belonginge to Gonzago De La Villa, a Spaniarde, laden with orenges and lemons, and taken (as it is supposed) by some of Sir Humfrey Gilbertes men in the roode at Dartmouthe, which said barke is enformed to be come to Linne, they are required uppon diligent enquirye whether it be the same that was so taken to deliver unto the said Gonzago the said

barke with th'appurtenances, and to staie the mariners that shalbe founde, and to detaine them in safe custodie, &c., to be forthcoming to aunswer to lawe, &c.

Letter of thanks.

A letter to the Sheriffe and Justice of Peace in the counties of Devon and Cornewall thancking them for their care and diligence in accomplishing of all the good services on her Majesties behalf, and for the good conformite there in matters of Religion; requiringe them further to have especiall care for the repressinge of pirates and piracies about that coast and for the apprehencion of them, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

Complaint of a Royal servant.

A letter to Sir Rowlande Heywarde, knight, and Mr. Recorder of the Citie of London that whereas Edmunde Schetz, one of the Pages of her Majesties Chamber, exhibited a Supplicacion unto their Lordships concerninge certaine injuries done unto him and his father in their dwellinge house by one Robert Linne, Babham, a Procter, and another named Hasilwoode, contrarie (as is enformed) to an order taken by the Lord Maiour uppon certificate made by the sworne vewers of the Citie; they are required to call bothe parties before them, and uppon the hearinge of the matter to take such order as they shall thincke meet for the policy of the City and satisfaccion of the complainantes, or els to advertise their Lordships of their opinions and of their doinges, and in whome the defalt is, that order may be taken accordingly.

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The Lord Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Erle of Warwicke.
Erle of Leycester.

Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Claim to a parsonage.

A letter to the Maiour, Sherife, and Communaltie of [the] cittie of Lincoln, where aboute ten yeares some variance growing betweene the Maiour and Sheriffes for the tyme being and

the Comunaltie of that cittie, and William Fearne, gentleman, of Temple Belwood, concerning the intereste in the parsonnage of Belton, the matter being brought to the Councell Borde, upon considerate hearing on bothe sides it was then ordered by the consent of those deputed from the Maiour and the reste that the said Fearne should not only enjoye his estate he then had in the said rectorie, but after the expiring thereof to have a new graunt from the Maiour and the reste, payeng for the same as muche as anie other woulde doe, and this order thus sett doune by their Lordships by a Common Councell thereupon held in the cittie was inacted and entered into their booke of actes; forasmuche as Fearne complainethe that within theise five yeares one Stephen Thimbleby (at this tyme Recorder of their cittie), hathe obtained at their handes a lease in reversion of the sayd parsonnage contrary to that order, whereby Fearne remaineth frustrate of his expectacion and their acte in that respecte violated, whereat their Lordships do not a litle mervaile, their Lordships desiering to be certefied of the truthe and the manner of doing in this behaulf, do require them immediately upon the recepte hereof to sende hether unto their Lordships either their Towne Clarke or some other well instructed herein, to informe their Lordships particulerly how and for what causes they have thus broken their said acte; and withall to send unto them a copie of the acte exemplified under the seale of the towne, which copie with their originall acte (before it be brought hether) they are required to cause to be shewed unto Anthony Thorrolde, their Recorder at the tyme of the acte made, that he maie examyn it and set hys hand to yt for a *concordat;* they are also required to commande Stephen Thimbleby to make his personall apparence here before their Lordships with as muche convenient dilligence as he maie, and thereof not to faile, &c., that upon his and the Towne Clarkes repeire hether their Lordships maie consider what hath ben don, withe the circumstances, and so take order accordingly.

Claim to a parsonage.

p. 504. Enclosure of a common.

A letter unto Godfrey Folgean, Robert Markham, Mr. Rosse and Mr. Cooke, esquires, that where John Standley of Dugmanton in the county of Darby hathe exhibited certen articles of complainte againste Sir Frauncis Leake, knight, for an inclosure by him made of a certen commen in Dugmanton, &c., which articles they shall receive herewith, they are earnestly required to take some paynes in the examining of the contentes of the said articles, and yf they shall finde the informacion against Sir Francis to be true, to do their beste indevours to induce him to satisfie this plainetife; which if he shall refuse to doe, then to certifie particulerly what they finde of the said informacion, together with their doinges, that accordingly suche furder order maie be taken by their Lordships as thereupon shalbe thought mete.

Sir F. Englefield's property.

A letter to the tenantes of the manour of Stamforde that where there hathe ben graunted unto Griffith Curtys, esquire, and Richard Tredway, gentleman, her Majesties warrant for the calling of a Courte in that mannour, late parcell of Sir Francis Englefeilde's landes, and to licence one Joane Bothe, wydowe, to make a surrender of a certen copiehold in the said mannour to the use of Walter Trimmel, one of her Highnes' servantes; forasmuch as their Lordships are geven to understande that by reason the Ladie Englefeilde receivethe the proffittes of the said mannour, and for feare of her displeasure they refuse to come to doe their dueties, whereby the said stuewards are driven to greate trouble, and Trimmel to unnecessarie charges, they are therefore required, upon the warrauntes of ether of the stewards, to geve their attendance upon them accordingly, and to proceade to the effectualle execucion of this her Majesties warrant in this behaulf, and thereof not to faile, as they will answer to the contrarye at their perrills.

An escaped pirate recaptured.

A letter to the Lord Cobham advertising him that upon the receipt of the examinacion of the pirates escaped from the Bailif of Pemsey upon certen interroga-

tories sent unto him from his Lordship, they finding by those examinacions that the Bailif was not to be touched with corruption concerning their escape, althoghe chargeable by law for their escape, thought good to enlarg him of his imprisonment upon bands for his apparence before his Lordship when he shoulde be called to answer his doinges according to lawe; and forasmuche as their Lordships are desierouse to have suche as either willfullie or willingly shall neglecte their duties in this respecte, he is therfore required, at suche convenient tyme as he maie, to cause the said Bailif to be indicted and to receive suche ponishment for his faultes as by the lawes is ordained, which willingly they would have remitted unto the Justices of Assise, but that they considered his Lordship's jurisdiction in the Portes, and therefore they desire his Lordship to have consideracion thereof accordingly; and for his better proceading against him they sende unto his Lordship suche examinacions as they receaved from Sir Edward Horsey. p. 505.

Glass making in London.

A letter to the Lord Maiour, Aldermen and Recorder of the Citie of London in the behalf of James Vesoley, Master of the Glasse House in London, that wheras notwithstandinge her Highnes' priviledge graunted unto him for the making and uttring of glasses to all persones, they have of late arrested a certaine chest and drifatte of glasses solde unto one of Leicestershire, and therby forfeited as forreine bought and solde; they are required, in her Highnes' name, in consideracion of his charges in bringing of cunning workmen and erectinge of furnaces, &c., and losses by fire, to restore unto him the said glasses so staied, and to suffer him quietlie without further suite, which he is not able to maintaine, or empeachement to the contrarie to enjoye the benefitt of her Majesties said Letters Patentes, any their said customes and chartres of the Citie to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

The Spanish Agent's brother.

A pasporte for Gomball de Guerras, Spaniarde, dwelling in the Realme of France, to suffer him to passe the seas with

his bagges and baggages, and thre couple of spaniels, and to see him provided of three hable horses for himself and two servantes.

The Admiralty Court.

A letter to the Maiour of Rochester requiringe him to take bandes in xx^li^ to her Majesties use of all such mariners as were left with him to be kept in custodie by Mr. Beston, one of her Majesties Gentlemen Pensioners latelie employed in her Majesties service on the seas, that they be forthcoming to aunswer to lawe when they shalbe called for, and shalbe so signified unto him, and theruppon to set them at libertie, saving one Edmunde Power and Thomas Baskin, sending them upp under the charge of some trustie persones unto the Judge of the Courte of the Admiraltie to be by him further ordered, and this shalbe his sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalf.

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Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
	Bothe Mr. Secretaries.

The assault on the Messenger.

A letter to Richard Bates, George Huntley and Thomas Throgmorton, esquires, or to anie two of them, that where about the ix^th^ of May last, one David Jenkins, a Messenger of her Majesties Chamber, having by authority from their Lordships attached the person of Thomas Cooke, clarke, at Leachelade, within that countie, betwene whome and Apleton there had ben some quarrell not long before, whereof Cooke advertising the Messenger, the Messenger (as their Lordships are informed) repeired to Apleton and comaunded him to kepe her Majesties peace towards Cooke (being his prisonner), and for that cause either to lay a side his weapon, or els to departe the towne; whereupon the said Messenger and Apleton growing to furder termes, there followed betwene them an affray in the which the Messenger was sore wounded and maymed, as may appeare by certen examinacions taken

in that behaulf herewith sent unto them, and forasmuche as the said examinacions do in the most substantiall pointes disagree, viz.; in the manner of the warning geven by the Messenger unto Apleton for the keeping of the peace; secondly, whether Apleton, after he had ben so warned by the Messenger, came braving unto the lodging where Cooke remayned prisonner and challenged notwithstanding a servante of the said Cooke's; thirdlie, whether the Bailif of the towne of Leachelade at a seconde meting of Apleton and the Messenger in the churche yearde requiring them to kepe the peace, the Messenger did offer to strike the said Bailife; whether at that tyme Arthure Toppes tooke from Apleton his sword and gave it to Bancrofte and Androwes to kepe for avoyding of harme; which pointes with the necessarie circumstances they are required (repairing to Leachelade) to examyn by calling suche wittnesses before them as maye be produced to testifie their knowledge therein. Their Lordships also thincke it not amisse that they inquire whether the Bailife and Connestable of Leachelade or any of them had not knowledg of the Messenger's commandement geven unto Apleton for the keping of the peace, and did not thereupon take order to have it accordingly observed; and if it shall appeare either the Bailife or Connestable to be faultie, then to take bandes of them to her Majesties use for his apparence before their Lordships, therein to answer his negligence; and hereof to certifie their Lordships what they shall finde with as convenient spede as maie be.

Their Lordships for their better and spedier proceading in examining of this matter do sende unto them this bearer, David Jenkins, the Messenger, who is able to declare unto them what persons are cheifelie to be examined concerning their knowledg therein. * *Postscript.*

A letter to Mr. Justice Southcotte, Sir Owen Hopton and Sir Thomas Browne, knightes, and Robert Levesey, esquire, A charge of murder. p. 507.

* Original marginal note.

that where by a letter from Mr. Browne and other Justices of Surrey their Lordships do understande what hathe ben don in the examining of Robert Wintershall, Harvy Mellershe, and others suspected for the murther committed in December last uppon the persons of Richard Mellershe of Dounford in that countie and Thomas his sonne, and where it appearethe by the said letter that upon their examinacions nothing of moment can be discovered that maie inforce their condemnacion; for whiche cause (the contry also expecting an ende thereof) their Lordships do require them withe some convenient speede to procead to a new examinacion of the said Wintershall, Mellershe and the reste, severing them as well into places where they maie remaine asunder, as severallie to examyn them, using the best meanes they can to induce them to confesse the troathe (*sic*). Whereunto (yf by no meanes they shalbe broughte) then are they required to deale withe them by shewe of some terror to be offered unto them by committing them to the dungeons and like places of obscuritie in the Tower, appointing unto them a shorte proportion of diet accordingly. And to that ende their Lordships do require him, Mr. Lieutenante, to receive them into his custodie, and to se them bestowed in places, and severed in places within the Tower, as is aforesaid, and there (yf it shalbe nedefull) to be furder terrified by shewing unto them the Racke or otherwise, as they shall thincke meete, where (joyning together) they are required to continnewe their paynes in examining of them from tyme to tyme to bring them to confesse the facte, that thereupon (sufficient matter appearing) they maie be furder proceaded withall, according to lawe.

Nonconformity and lewd words at Northampton.

A letter to the Maiour of Northampton signifieng that uppon the apparence of John Flower of that towne before their Lordships, and examinacion of suche thinges as he remained charged withall, their Lordships thoght mete to committe him to prison, since which tyme their Lordships upon his bande and submission have ben contented to set him at libertye; and because their Lordships are informed

that upon no fitt cause he hathe forborne to communicate in the parishe churche whence he is within that towne, their Lordships have enjoyned him at his repeire home to receive the Communion at his said parishe churche according to her Majesties Injunctions, whereunto he hathe yelded accordingly; and therefore he is required to signifie so muche unto the curate, that he maie call upon the said Flower so to doe, which if he shall not accomplishe, then maie he not faile to certifie their Lordships thereof, that they maie take suche order withe him as thereupon shalbe thought convenient.

A letter to Sir John Spenser, Sir Edward Montague, knightes, and Roger Cave, esquier, with a schedile enclosed exhibited to their Lordships by one Martin Clipsham, vicar of St. Giles in the towne of Northampton, containinge verie lewde and heynous wordes touching her Majestie; they, or any two of them are required to repaire unto the said townes (*sic*) and there diligentlie to enforme them selves of the matter, and by such examinations as shalbe meete to be taken in that matter to bowlte out the trothe of the matter, requiring the Maiour to be assisting unto them therin, and willing him to certifie their Lordships what hath ben done heretofore by him and his brethren in that cause, and what he is hable to aunswer to the matter wherwith he is charged in the said schedule; they are further required to take bandes and suerties of John Roller Roller (*sic*) to be forthcoming to aunswer to lawe uppon notice to be geven unto him at his dwelling house in that towne; and where it is enformed that Jenninges, one of the ministers of that towne, is a man of light behaviour and hath committed divers thinges unworthie his profession, they are required, if any complainte or informacion touching his life or doctrine shalbe by the Maiour, his brethren or others offred unto them, to examine diligentlie how the same can be proved, and therof to advertise their Lordships, and if

* There is a minute herof remayning in the Chest.

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* Original marginal note.

they shall so see cause, to appoint Jennynges or any other to appeare before their Lordships at a daye to be prefixed by them, to be aunswerable to such thinges as they maye be charged with uppon retorne of their certificates.

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The Western clothiers.

Simon Sanders, Henrie Fenell, and Thomas Pope of Taunton, in the countie of Somerset, beinge bounde by Sir John Stoell, knight, &c., according to their Lordships' letter heretofore sent unto him with an informacion against the above named persones and other clothiers in that shire touchinge false makinge of clothe, made this daie their apparaunce and were enjoyned not to departe, but to attende their Lordships' further pleasure.

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* Lord Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlain.
Mr. Tresorer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Lord Clanricarde's release.

The same daye their Lordships satt at the Lord Tresorer's house and the Erle of Clanricard was brought before them, and after he was told in how good and gracious part it pleased her Majesty to accept his submission, and how she was contented that he shold be released from his former restraint of liberty and be suffered to remayne in London or within three myles therabout, the said Erle was by their Lordships discharged from the custodye of Hercules Rainsford, gentleman, Constable of the Castle of Dublin in the Realme of Irland, and after sondry good admonitions given unto him to be have him self more dutifully and circumspectly towardes her Majesty hereafter, and also to write unto his sons, being in Irland, and procure asmoch as shall laye in him that they do the like (wheruppon

* The names are given in the margin.

ether her Highnes' further favour or displeasure wold growe towardes him) the said Erle, in the presence of their Lordships and Mr. Doctor Dale, one of the Masters of the Requestes and a Master of the Court of the Chauncerye, acknowledged a recognisance to her Majesty's use, &c., in the sum of twenty thousand markes, to be levied uppon his landes, goodes and chattells in forme as foloweth :—

xij Junij, at the Lord Threasurer's house.

Present *ut supra.*

Coram prenominatis Dominis Consiliariis Ricardus De Burgo, Comes de Clanricarde in regno Hibernie, personaliter constitutus recognovit et recognoscit se firmiter teneri et obligari Serenissime Domine Regine, heredibus et successoribus suis, in viginti millibus marcarum bone et legalis monete Anglie, levandis de terris, bonis et catallis suis, &c.; datum apud Westmonast. 12^mo^ *die mensis Junij, anno regni Serenissime Domine Elizabethe, Dei* p. 510. *gratia Anglie, Francie et Hibernie Regine, fidei defensoris, &c., xxj^mo^.*

The condicion of this recognisance is suche that if the above bounden Richard, Erle of Clanricarde, doe from henceforthe remaine and continue within the Citie of London and suburbes of the same, or in any other place within thre miles of the said Citie, and doe not departe out of those limites untill the Quenes Majesties pleasure shalbe declared and signified unto him for his further enlargment, and also if the said Erle, uppon reasonable warning to him hereafter to be geven, doe from time [to time] personallie appeare before suche of her Majesties most honorable Privie Counsell as her Highnes shall name and appointe, and there doe answer such thinges as shalbe objected against him, and from them not to departe without licence, and in the meane time be of good behaviour towardes the Quenes Majestie, that then this recognisaunce to be voide, or els to stande in effecte.

Recognitum etiam ibidem coram Valentino Dale uno Magistrorum Curie Cancellarie Domine Regine.

The said Mr. Dale was willed to cause the said recognisance to be enrolled of record.

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Lord Chauncellor.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Earl of Arrundel.	

A Messenger's charges. A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paye unto Thomas Norris, one of the Ordinary Messengers of her Majesties Chamber, the somme of xx^li for his chardges in travelling to apprehende Thomas Hardinge in September laste.

The Plague in Southwark. A letter unto the Bishop of London requiring him to call before him one Henry Shelley, her Majesties prisonner in the White Lyon in Southwarke for matters of Relligion, and to conferre with him to see if he can reduce him to conformitie, which if he shalbe able to doe, then to sett him at libertie, taking bands of him for the contynuaunce of his said conformitie; wherunto if he shall not be brought, then to remove him from thence, for that their Lordships are geven to understande that either in the place where he lyethe, or verie nighe unto yt, the sicknes ys.

The Queen's Bench Prison. A letter unto the Commissioners for Causes in her Majesties Benche that where Augustine De Nale, an Italien, remainethe in that prison uppon an execucion at the suete on (*sic*) Innocent Comey, one of her Majesties servauntes, for a debt of v^c^li due unto certen orphans, children unto George Comey, brother unto this plaintif; forasmuche as their Lordships are given to understande that the said De Nale by the accesse unto him of his frindes and acquaintance and suche libertie as he hathe within the prison, he hath

no desire to satisfie the said execucion, they are therefore required to deale with the said De Nale in such sorte as he maye be induced to give satisfaction unto the said Innocent, orels to restraine him of his libertie with in the said prison.

A letter unto the Justices of Assise within the countie of Merioneth to examine the contentes of a petition exhibited unto their Lordships by one William ap Morys, of Llandeckwin in that countie, against one Rice ap Rice and Howell ap Iven, which petition is sent unto them herein inclosed; they are therefore required uppon examinacion and hearing had of the mater, either to end the same by composition them selves betwene the parties with their resonable assentes, orels to comitte the same unto some indyfferent gentlemen to have the ending thereof according to justice and equitie; which if they shall not be able to doe, then to certifie in whome the faulte is that such furder order maie be taken as shalbe thought convenient. A Welsh case. p. 512.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Irland touching the Erle of Clanricard, together with a coppy of [the] recognisance taken of the Erle that he shall not departe the City of London or three miles therabout, with an other coppy of a submission mad by the said Erle touching his offenses hertofore committed in Irland, and also a coppy of certen peticions hertofore sent from the said Erle hither touching an order taken for the reedifying of the towne of Athenrye in Irland, th'originalls wherof remayne with Mr. Secretary Walsingham and the coppy of their Lordships letters in the Councell Chest. Lord Clanricarde.

To Sir Richard Sherborne, knight, Edward Tinnesley, &c.; Mr. Standishe of the Poole, Edward Bradell, Edmonde Asheton, or anye 4 or 3 of them, with an enclosed peticion concerning some harde dealinges done in that countie by Richard Houghton and Brian Jackson, latelie committed by their Lordships to prison here; they are required to assemble them selves together, and uppon consideracion of the complainte by all good meanes they can to examine the For an enquiry.

trothe and contentes of the same, and to advertise their Lordships what they shall have founde therin, to thintent that their Lordships may take such further order therin as shalbe thought expedient.

p. 513. Suspects in the Marshalsea.

A letter to the Lord Bishoppe of London that whereas their Lordships not longe sithe committed to the prison of the Marshallsea the persones of Oswald Emerson, Richard Siberie, Robert Harrison and John Wodall, thincking that some further matter of importance would fall out against them then uppon examinacion of the matter can be founde; forasmuche as the onlie fault wherwith they are principallie to be charged is for that they have [been] thought to be addicted to Poperie, his Lordship is required to sende for the said parties before him, and to doe his best to revoke them from anye such former superstitions and to conforme them selves according to her Majesties lawes, and hereof to advertise their Lordships that theruppon further order maie be taken for their release; and for the bringinge of the said persones before his Lordship he shall receive herin inclosed a warrant to the Knight Marshall.

A letter to the Knight Marshall requiringe him that when the Lord Bishop of London shall sende for anye of the persones aforesaid, to appointe some of his servantes to bringe them unto him, and to have speciall regarde that they escape not, but be returned to him againe, untill uppon the Bishoppes certificate unto their Lordships what he shall have prevailed with them their Lordships shall sende other order to the contrarie.

A complaint from Plymouth.

A letter to therle of Bedforde signifyinge unto his Lordship that where his Lordship in his letter to Mr. Secretary Wilson desireth to have the towne of Plimouthe discharged of ten persones committed to prison [in] the same towne, that in case uppon perusing of their examinacions it shall fall out that they have incurred the dainger of lawe that they should be proceaded with accordingly; and in the meane time if the rest be not hable to put in suertyes for answeringe of

p. 514. lawe, then may his Lordship uppon conference with the

Sheriffe geve order that they or some of them maie be for the ease of the towne severed into other prisons in the shire, there to remaine untill other order shalbe taken with them.

A letter to Sir Henry Nevill, knight, and Thomas Parry, esquire, with a schedule inclosed containinge the names of certaine persones who have used disordered huntinge in her Majesties Parke of Dunington, in the countie of Berkes, being inhabitantes therabout, requiringe them to repair thither and uppon perusing of the said schedule and other informacions to be delivered unto them either by the Keper or any other in that behalf, diligentlie to examine the manner and circumstances of the said disordered huntinge, and theruppon either to commit the principall offendours, or to take good bandes and suerties of them to her Majesties use to be forthcoming to aunswer such thinges as they shalbe charged with whensoever they shalbe called for, and herof to advertise their Lordships. Illegal hunting in a Royal Forest.

xv Junij, 1579, Westminster.

Present:—

The Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
The Erl of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

This day were signed by their Lordships certen Instructions to go with her Majesties Commission under the Great Seale of England for reforming of certen disorders in matters of Religion, the tenour whereof foloweth:— p. 515. The Plague in East Anglia.

Instructions gien by the Lordes, &c.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwiche that where by his Lordship's letter of the 27th of Maie, as also by a letter from the gentlemen committed for their obstinacie in Relligion writen unto you from Burye, we are given to understande that the sicknes is revived within that towne, whereby they feare to be (by the incresing thereof) in

some perill of their lives, and for that cause are humble suiters to be enlarged for a tyme, he is given to understande that their Lordships (althoughe unwilling, by reason of their obstinate and willfull persisting in their errours and blyndnes, to doe them any favour), yet so they maie be placed in suche severall places as neither they maie infect others with Poperie, nor them selfes be hardened or encouraged in their disobedience, can be contented they shalbe enlarged uppon their bondes to remaine in that sorte prisonners in suche places; he is therefore required to signifie unto their Lordships in what places and with whome he maie and dothe intende to have them bestowed, that thereupon their Lordships maie give him furder order for them accordingly; he is also required to certifie particularly where all those are presentlie remayning that were comitted for matters of Relligion in that countie the last sommer.

An escaped galley-slave.

A warrant to Sir Thomas Heneage, knight, Threasurer of her Majesties Chamber, to paye unto John Foxe, latelie detained prisoner in the Turkes' Galleyes, by waye of her Majesties speciall rewarde twentie markes, and this shalbe his sufficient warrant in that behalf.

p. 516. An East Anglian recusant.

A letter to Lord Bishop of Norwiche requiringe him to geve order that one Sulliarde, committed heretofore and yet remaininge in prison within the towne of Ipswiche for matter of Religion, might be for the time committed to the custodie of Phillip Wentworthe, whereto at the request of the Lord Wentworthe, puttinge their Lordships in hope that therby he might be brought to conforme him self according to her Majesties lawes, their Lordships have ben content to yielde that the said Sulliarde be committed to the custodie of the said Mr. Wentworthe untill Michaelmas, uppon good bandes to be taken of them bothe to her Majesties use in a good summe that Sulliarde shalbe from time to time forthcominge to aunswer such matters as he maie be charged with uppon reasonable warninge to be geven at the said Mr. Wentworthe's dwellinge house.

A letter to therle of Huntington that wheras one Stephen Lutton, being heretofore ordred by their Lordships to make his apparaunce before his Lordship at the next sittinge at Yorke, and there abide such order as his Lordship should make in the matter betwene him and Sir Henrie Gates, which notwithstandinge the said Sir Henrie enformethe he hathe not done; his Lordship is once againe required, against some such sittinge where his Lordship and the said Sir Henrie shalbe present, to appoint the said Lutton to repaire before him, and there in open assemblie to charge him with his said misdemeanours, and to perswade him to acknowledge his fault and aske pardon of the said Sir Henrie, so as his credit maie be salved and maintained as it ought to be; wherof his Lordship is required to advertise their Lordships, for the rest referringe his Lordship unto their former letters in that behalf sent unto him. Sir Henry Gates.

A letter to the Lord Bishop and Chapter of Duresme on the behalf of the wife and children of the late Deane of Duresme, requestinge that they, beinge made executours of the said Deanes last will and testament, might enjoye such benefit of his livinges and housholde stuffe as by the Statutes of that House they pretende th'executours ought to do; they are required uppon conference together and consideration of the wordes and meaninge of the said Statutes to shewe the widowe such favour therin as lawfullie they maie, so as she have no occacion to trouble their Lordships anye more, or els to advertise their Lordships what maie be alledged against their pretence to the contrarie. The late Dean of Durham. p. 517.

Westminster, 21 *Aprilis* (*sic*), 1579.

Present:—

Lord Chancelor.
Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Walter Mildmay.

Lady Windsor's case.

A letter to John Hurlebott requiringe him to make his personall apparance before their Lordships, and to bringe with him all such leases, feoffmentes, warrantes of attorney, or other deedes and writinges whatsoever as are in his custodie or he can convenientlie come by, which concerne a certaine conveyaunce of th'inheritance of the manour of Heriarde from the Ladie Elizabeth Windsor or George Puttenham, her husbande, unto Sir John Throgmorton, knight, &c., or otherwise maie appertaine to that matter.

Service abroad forbidden.

A letter to the Lord Cobham requiringe his Lordship to geve order that a certaine quantitie of armour and municion (the particularities wherof his Lordship shall understande by a schedule enclosed), which as their Lordships were enformed from the Deputie and Jurates of the towne of Sandwiche was to be transported without her Majesties licence into the partes of beyonde the seas, be conveyed to the Castell of Dover, there to remaine in the charge and accompt of his Lieutenant, to be further employed to her Majesties service or otherwise as shall hereafter be signified unto them; and further that his Lordship will the Maiour and other officers to commande all suche as he shall understande to be assembled either at Sandwich, or anie other place thereaboutes under his jurisdiccion, to serve as souldiours in those partes to departe home to the places of their former aboade, and not to suffer any to passe to the seas in warlike manner.

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The Western clothiers.

A letter to Messrs. Aldermen Pullison and Barnes, Mr. Fanshawe and Mr. Osborne that where certaine informacions were preferred in her Majesties Courte of the Exchequier against divers clothiers of Tanton in the countie of Somerset, which their Lordships then thought meete to be staied and to write their letters to the Justices of Peace in the shire both that the weavers and other artificers who had deposed in the matter and discovered the clothiers' deceiptes should be still continued in worke, and to have bandes taken of the principall of the said clothiers for their apparance to aunswer before their Lordships to such matters as they should be charged with;

wheruppon there are repaired hither Simon Saunders, Henric Fennell and Thomas Pope, their Lordships have thought good to sende unto them herin inclosed aswell such notes as have ben exhibited by the informers and others, as also the said clothiers' aunswer, uppon consideracion wherof, and calling before them both parties, diligentlie to examine the trothe of the said informacions, and to certifie their Lordships what they shall have founde therin, and what in their opinion is meetest for the redressing of the disorders committed in that trade.

A letter unto the Lord Cheife Justice, the Master of the Rolles, the Justices of the Assises in the countie of Hertford, Mr. Atturney Generall, or any three of them, to examyn the title of the Erle of Warwicke concerning an enclosure made by his Lordship at Northawe, according to a mynute thereof remayning in the Councell Cheste. Enclosures in Herts.

* *22° Junij*, 1579.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretaires (*sic*), bothe.

A warrant to the Warden of the Fleete to receive into his custodie the person of Jasper Warren, to remaine prisonner and not to be suffered to repaire abroade untill their Lordships' pleasures be furder knowen. The Fleet Prison.

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Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord of Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	Sir Walter Mildmay.

* The date and names are given in the margin.

A recognisance fulfilled.

Samuel Standley and Mathewe Babington, gentlemen, being bounde for their personall apparance before their [Lordships] at this daye, have for the savegard of their recognisance entred accordingly their apparences and are to attende their Lordships' pleasures untill upon hearing of their cause they shall be by their Lordships' order dismissed.

Piracy in Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Irelande that where one John Lyberge of Nantes, in Britaigne, by a petition inclosed complainethe that he of late passing to Duncanon's Castle within that Realme, intending to have entred with his shipe into Waterforde, was borded by one Alexander Vailes, a pirate, and spoiled of his shippe with xlvj tonnes of wynes, which (as he informethe) was presently brought by the said pirate to Waterford and there soulde to thinhabitauntes thereof and other places thereabouts, and where (as Lyberge affirmethe) he repeired to th'officers of the towne, requiring them to make staie of the pirate, and cause restitucion to be made him, they nevertheles sufferred the pirate to make sale of some part thereof, to victall his shippe and to departe to the seas againe with the shippe and goodes of the said Lyberge, which yf it be true deservethe severelie to be corrected in thofficers of that place; he is therfore required fourthwith upon the recept hereof to geve order for th'examining of [the] contentes of the said peticion, and thereuppon (the same appearing true) to take order as well for the satesfieng of the said Lyberge as he in justice and equitie shall thincke meete, as also for the correcting of the faulte in the officers yf it shalbe founde they have ben abettours of the said pirate and sufferred him to escape in that order as is informed.

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Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Earl of Lincoln.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord of Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A merchant's difficulties.

An open letter to all the creditours of William Nutshawe of Southampton, merchaunt, and especially to Roberte Lee of London, Merchaunt Taylour, John Venard of Salisbury, Thomas Edmunds, Customer of Plimouth, and Henry Wright of Rumsey, and to all her Majesties officers, &c., and to every of them, &c., signifieng that forasmuche as the said Nutshawe hathe of late sustayned greate losses as well by injurious arrestes of a greate part of his goods in the Realme of Fraunce as sundry spoiles don unto him uppon the seas, he is become indebted unto them in sundry sommes of money which he shall not be able to satesfie untill some recompence be made unto him of his losses and damages received, wherein they meane to procure him suche expedite reliefe as conveniently maye be; and therfore do very ernestly require all them, the creditours of the said Nutshawe, being either her Majesties subjectes or others resident within her Ladyeship's Dominions, to forbeare to moleste, arreste, sue or trouble the said Nutshawe, his goods, merchaundises or suerties either by themselves or by any other personnes in their names for and during the space of ten monethes after the date hereof, by which tyme, upon some reasonable order to be taken in his causes afore said, he shalbe better able and so doth intende to satisfie every of them of so muche as shalbe due unto them from him; whereof they are required not to faile, &c.

Weymouth and Melcombe Regis.

A letter to the Lord Marquis of Wynchester that where Robert Gregory of Weimothe, at the tyme of his being Maiour of that towne, did (as he infourmethe) disburse certen sommes of money for the speciall affaires of the towne, which by reason of some dissention growen betwene the inhabitauntes of these townes he can never since recover; forasmuche as he hathe ben an humble suiter unto their Lordships to have their Lordships' letters directed to some person of credite to deale with the Maiour for the tyme being, and to induce them to make paiement unto him of suche sommes of money as he shall prove to have ben by him disbursed to the behoufe of the towne in generall, as

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is aforesaid, their Lordships have made choyce of his Lordship, and verie earnestlie to (*sic*) desire him to call the said Maiour and some of his bretheren before him, and upon examining what in truthe is owing unto the said Gregory by the towne, to use the best meanes he can to procure satisfaction thereof to be made fourthwith unto him.

Expenses of the Council Chamber.

A warrant unto the Threasurer of the Chamber to pay unto the Clarkes of the Councell, or the berer hereof, the somme of xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}, for pennes, yncke and paper for one whole yeare ended at the Feaste of St. John Baptist laste paste, and xij for foure newe sandishes (*sic*).

The playing-card monopoly.

A letter to the Lord Maiour and Recorder of London that where it pleased the Queen's Majestie to graunt unto Ralf Bowes and Thomas Beddingfield, esquires, the whole trade, trafficque and merchaundize of playeing cardes to be broughte into her Majesties Realmes and Dominions from beyonde the seas, thereby prohibiting all others her Highnes' subjectes to bring in, buy, sell or make anie manner of playeing cardes without the speciall licence of them, or their assignes, upon such paines as are in the said Letters Patentes expressed, wherewith as with others the contentes of the sayd graunt they shalbe furder made acquainted by the parties plainantes; forasmuche as complaint hathe ben made by the said Bowes and Beddingfeilde that divers devises and practises are use[d] in London, aswell by certen merchauntes, who contrary to the said graunte do secretely steale and bring them in to this Realme, as also by others that do retaile and sell the same againe, to the greate hinderaunce of the said Bowes and Beddingfeilde, as by them they shalbe particulerly informed, as likewise of the remisse dealing of suche of the officers of the Cittie as oftentymes by vertue of the said graunte are called to see the due execucion therof, they are therefore required, by vertue hereof, to call before them all suche personnes within the Cittie as by the plaintifes shalbe nominated unto them

to have practised as before is rehearsed, and upon suche informacion as shalbe delivered unto them from the said Bowes and Beddingfeild, or their assignes, to examyn all personnes so called before them, with suche witnesses as shalbe produced to testifie their contempte, and thereupon as matter shall appeare of juste proofe againste the parties so charged to se due punishment don on them according to the contentes of the said Letters Patentes, and suche order to be had for the tyme to come as the plainantes maie quietlie enjoye the benefitte of her Majesties graunte, p. 522. and she in that case not defrauded of her custome, not omitting to geve charge unto the under officers to have a better regarde unto their duetyes hereafter when they shalbe imployed in the furdering of the execucion of the said Letters Patentes.

* *Postscript* in the letter to the Lord Maiour and Recorder.

Yf uppon your endevours herein you shall not be hable, by the backwarde disposition of the parties charged, to take order to the satisfaction of the plainantes, then we praye you to certifie their doinges unto us, and the names of suche persones, that we accordingly maie take some other course with them as to us shalbe thoughte convenient.

A letter to the Judge of the Admiraltie advertising him of the receipt of his letter, together with an abstract of certaine examinacions by him taken concerning a spoile pretended to have ben committed by a shippe of Henrie Sackfordes uppon certaine merchantes trading into Islande who have ben recommended by the King of Denmark, requiring him to call before him the said Henry Sackforde, or if he cannot him self convenientlie repaire unto him, then to sende some person sufficientlie instructed to aunswer the matter in his behalf, and to certifie unto their Lord- Danish and Scottish claims.

* The postscript is written in the margin.

ships his opinion in lawe concerning the proofes on both sides, that theruppon their Lordships maie take further order accordinglie.

A letter unto Henry Killegrewe requiringe him to paye unto Adam Fullerton, Scottishman, out of the summes of money by him receaved for fines of pirates, the summe of thre hundred poundes, and these, together with his acquittance, shalbe uppon his accompt his sufficient warrant and discharge.

An Essex recusant.

A letter to the Sheriffe of Essex that whereas suite hathe ben made unto their Lordships that one Rooke Greene, remaininge prisoner in the Castle of Colchester, and heretofore committed for matters of Religion, bothe in respecte of the weakenes of bodie wherunto he is (as their Lordships are enformed) of late fallen, and also for that by the deathe of his father in lawe he hathe divers suites in lawe, some libertie might for a time be granted him for prosecuting of the same, and for that also their Lordships are in good hope that in the meane time he maie be brought to conforme him self in matter of Religion; their Lordships are contented that he be delivered into the custodie of Mr. Arthure Harryes, there to remaine at his owne charges untill the first daye of November next, uppon goode bandes and suerties to be by him taken to her Majesties use to be forthcominge and retorne unto the said prison at that time, unles he shall before have made good proofe of his conformitie and so bringe you a further warrant from us for that purpose; and with this order he is required to acquaint the Archdeacon and others of the Ecclesiasticall Commission in that countie, who have dealt in that matter heretofore.

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A letter to Mr. Arthure Harris requiring him to receave of the Sheriffe of Essex the person of Roke Greene, committed prisoner in the Castell of Colchester for matters of Religion, and to use all the best meanes that he can to bring him to conformitie, and to suffer him at convenient

times, for the following of his suites in lawe, to repaire to such places where his busines shall lye in the companie of some of his trustie servantes, who maie have regarde that in the meane time he commit no unlawfull acte, but retorne unto his custodie againe.

A letter to the Bishop of London and Commissioners Ecclesiasticall touching Siberie and Wodall, prisoners in the Marshallsey, of whose conformity in matters of Religion seinge in their opinions there is no apparant assurance, howsoever they for the time maie perhapps dissemble to have some libertie, their Lordships thincke it meete that for their better triall his Lordship would thincke of some meete persones with whome they might for a time be placed, and so to have some proofe made whether in deede they be contented to conforme them selves as in wordes they promise, uppon bandes and suerties to be taken of them that they shall not depart from suche places as shalbe assigned before they shalbe licensed by you to the contrarie; and herin inclosed his Lordship shall receave a warrant to the Knight Marshall that he shall followe his direction with the prisoners. p. 524. Recusants in the Marshalsea.

A letter to the Knight Marshall requiringe him to followe suche order and direction with Siberye and Wodall, now prisoners under his charge, as the Lord Bishoppe of London shall take therin.

A letter to the Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Sergeant Anderson, and Mr. Sergeaunt Popham touchinge Lovell and others that had confederated them selves for the robbing of Sir John Horner's house; their Lordships thincke good that Lowell (*sic*) be sent downe into the countyes of Wiltes and Somerset, there to receave his further triall for such factes as is supposed he hathe committed in those partes, and the charges of his conveyinge downe to be borne by them which minde to accuse him with anie matter there, howbeit they are required to have good regarde that he be not charged with anie matter discovered to the Lord Threasurer, The burglary case.

or that any advantage in lawe be theruppon taken against
p. 525. him. Touching the two Sydenhams, Baily, Ellis and Wilkins they are required to take bandes and suerties in the summe of c^{li} of everie of them for their good behaviour, and that they be forthcoming at the next Assises, which bandes Mr. Anderson or Mr. Popham may retaine to see accomplished accordingly; and herewith is sent unto them th'examinacions taken touchinge that matter, and an inclosed letter to the Marshall of the Prison where they remaine to followe their order to be taken with the prisoners.

A letter to the Marshall of her Majesties Benche to followe such order with Lovell, the two Sidenhams, Baily, Ellis and Wilkins, now prisoners under his charge, as the Lord Chief Justice, &c., shall prescribe.

Pirates' plunder.

A letter to the Commissioners for Causes of Piracie in the Cinque Portes touchinge one Francis Boulton, presented by them to have bought certaine lastes of herringes of one Nicholas de Graunge, being at that time a man of warre, and for that offence was fined by their Lordships at xx^{li}, which he refused to paie, pretendinge that the said De Graunge was no pirate, which surmise since that time by the deposicions of two witnesses uppon their othes is founde untrewe; they are required to call the said Boulton before them, willing him forthwith to make paiment of the said fine, or uppon his refusall to take bandes and suerties for his indelayed repaire hither before their Lordships, to receave such order as by them shalbe thought agreable to justice.

p. 526. First of July, 1579, at the Starre Chamber.

Lord Chancelor.
Lord Chamberlain.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Sir Walter Mildmay.

A letter to Sir Henry Radecliffe, knight, Thomas West and James Pigott, esquiers, that whereas ther hathe ben exhibited unto their Lordships by certen of her Majesties tenauntes and others of East Wellow, within the countie of Southampton, certen articles of complaint against on[e] Richard Marden, gentleman, contayninge his disorderlie deallinge and contendinge with the vicare of Wellowe, his contempt of Religion and her Majesties proceadinge, his unquiete demeanure in vexinge his neighboures by impoundinge ther cattell and other insolencies, as shall appear unto them more particulerlie by the said articles of complainte, which their Lordships send them therin inclosed; their Lordships desirous to understand the veritie of the informacion, to thend some presente course may be tacken (*sic*) for the mettinge (*sic*) with the disorders of the said Marden, have thought to mack (*sic*) choise of them three, and earnestlie to requier them, callinge before them the said Marden with suche of his accusers named in the complaint as they shall think fitte, and by virtue therof to procead to an effectuall examinacion of the matter against hime (*sic*), and if they shall appear true unto them then are the[y] desired to take good bandes and suerties of hime to he[r] Majesties use for his appearaunce forthwith before their Lordships, and in the mean tyme to retourne unto their Lordships under their handes a certificate of their doinges, with the chiefe pointes wherewithe upon proofes he is to be towched, that accordinglie suche further order maye be tacken for the quietness of his neighbours and the due correctinge of his misdemeanour as by the Lordships in justice and equitie shalbe thought meet. A troublesome person.

Whytehaul, the same day, signed by the Lordes following :— p. 527.

Lord Chancelor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Admiral.	Bothe Mr. Secretaries.
Lord Chamberlain.	Sir Walter Mildmay.
Lord Hunsdon.	

The Oath of Supremacy. Letters to the Justices of Assises in their Cyrcuites throughe the Realme for the ministering of the Othe of Supremacie unto the Justices of the Peace within the severall shires of their said Circuites, according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

* *Quinto* Julye, at Grenewiche.

Lord Stafford. Delivered unto the Lord Stafford two billes of complaint exhibited unto the Lords of the Councell against him, the one by one Botte, and the other by one Ferrys, a chandelour of London.

At Grenwich, the 5th of Julye, 1579.

Lord Admiral.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Earl of Leicester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Bothe Mr. Secretaries.

Enclosures in Derbyshire. A letter to the Justices of Assise in the county of Darby that where there hath ben exhibited unto their Lordships by one John Standley, of Dugmanton within that county, a complainte againste Sir Frauncis Leake for an inclosure by him made of a certain common in Dugmanton aforesaid, and as by th'articles inclosed sent unto them more plainely appearethe, their Lordships desirous to have the contentes of the said articles effectually examined and some convenient order taken betwene the parties by waye of composicion, do require them at the tyme of their Assises within that countye to make choyce of some indifferent gentlemen unto whome by the consent of bothe parties they
p. 528. maie committe the hearinge and examining thereof, and yf thereuppon yt shall appeare unto them that the informacion of the said Standley to be true, to induce Sir Frauncis to yield to suche satisfaction unto him and the reste damnified

* The date and place are given in the margin.

as they in equitie and conscience shall thincke meete; whereunto yf he shall refuse to condescende, then are they required to certifie particulerly unto their Lordships what they finde of the said complaint and their doinges in that behaulf, that accordingly suche order maie be taken by their Lordships as shalbe by them thought convenient.

The assault on the Messenger.

This daie Christofer Bancrofte, gentleman, committed as partaker of a quarrell betwene David Jenkins, one of the Messengers of her Majesties Chamber, and one John Apleton, by whome the said Jenkins was maymed, their Lordships, uppon furder examinacion of the matter, finding the said Bancrofte to have received sufficient punishment for suche his offence as he hathe ben in this behaulf charged withall, did order that he, the said Bancrofte, shoulde be enlarged of his imprisonment.

* *8 Julij*, 1579, at Greenewiche.

Lord Admiral.	Mr. Threasurer.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Leicester.	Sir Henry Sidney.
	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Illegal hunting in Northants.

A letter to the Lord Zouche, Sir Thomas Cicill, Sir Edmunde Brudnell, Mr. Christofer Yelverton, Thomas Brooke and George Carleton, esquires, that where their Lordships do understande by their letter of the xijth of June how farr they have proceaded in th'apprehending and examining of suche as were latelie detected for their unlawfull hunting in her Majesties Parkes of Brigstoke (according to suche direction as they received from their Lordships), where it apperethe they have taken paines for the which they yelde them hartie thanckes; and where they certifie that too (*sic*) servantes of Symon Montague, founde to be principall actours in this unlawfull hunting, coulde not (by his evill

* The date and place are given in the margin.

dealing) by any meanes be brought before them to be examined with the reste, their Lordships do require them to call the said Symon Montague before them, and to take bandes of him in good somes of money to her Majesties use, as well for his owne apparence before their Lordships as the bringing of his two servantes with him, to be ordered at their Lordships' pleasure; they are also required of (*sic*) such Connestables as are to be charged for their negli-
p. 529. gence in executing of their preceptes and to take bands of them in like sort for their appearance; and forasmuch as their Lordships since the receipt of their letter do understande that Prince and Tayler (one of them remayning indicted) after they were committed to prison by them, were bayled by the Lord Vaux and Sir Edmunde Montague, whereat their Lordships doe not a litle marvell, they are required by vertue hereof to will and require them immediately not to faile againe to deliver the bodies of the said Prince and Tyler (*sic*) to prison, there to remayne without baile or maine prise untill their Lordships' pleasures be furder knowen. They are also required to cause dilligent wayt to be layed for Thomas Tresham, Thomas Lutton, parson of Rusheton, Edward Bierbrige, Thomas Garner, Robert Story, and Edward Smith, all indicted as cheife parties in this facte, and as they shall apprehende them to committe them and to examyn them and send their examinacions hether unto their Lordships.

ix Julij, at the Starr Chamber.

Lord Chancelour.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Vicechamberlayn.
Lord Admirall.	Bothe Mr. Secretaryes.
Lord Chamberlain.	Sir Rafe Sadleir.
	Sir Walter Mildmay.

Ludovic Greville and Sir J. Conway.

Sir John Conway, knight, was called in before their Lordships and after sume speches used unto him in what sorte their Lordships had proceaded in the Courte of the Starr

Chamber aganist Ludovick Grevell for an outrage committed by him appon [the] person of the said Sir John Conway, wherwith in reason he shold hold him self satisfied, especially seing by a blow first given by him to the said Gravel (*sic*), he gave thoccasion wherby Gravell was provoked to committ that fact; therfore he was willed to forbeare any other private revenge appon the said Grevell, and enjoyned appon his allegiance to keep her Majesty's peace for him self, his servants and frendes, or any others by his procurement, towardes the said Ludovick Grevill, his servantes and frindes, as both the said Sir John and the rest wold appon their perills answer the contrarye. p. 530.

The fraudulent Messengers.

A letter to Mr. Atturney Generall signifying that her Majesty was contented that the Messingers committed to the Fleete for the conterfeiting of some of their Lordships' handes for bills in the office of the Tresory of the Chamber, &c., shold for this summer time be sett at libertye appon their bandes (and suertyes if they cold find any) to appeare before my Lordes the first day of the next Terme there to understand their Lordships' further pleasure; and for as moch as it was enformed that one of them, named John Coventry, was able to paye the sum which he had so unduly receaved, being but xxx^{li} or thereabout, that he shold take bandes of him for the answering of the said sum to her Majesty's use by soch porcions and at soch times as by the Lord Tresorer or Mr. Chancelour of the Exchequer should be thought convenient, and therfore he shold commaund him appon his enlargement to attend appon them.

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Piracy in the West.

A letter to William Lower and George Kekewich, esquiers and Justices of Peace in the county of Cornewall, signifying the receipt of their letters and examinacions of Eden, Eltophe and others having committed a piracye; that they shold proceed with the persons according to lawe, and for the barck and goodes to folow soch order for the keping and answering of the same to her Majesties use as by the Lord Tresorer hath hertofore ben taken in that case.

Collections in Church.

A letter to the Bishop of London that wher as the Bailiff of Malden in Essex had recommended one John Brown, a burgess there of honest behaviour, to be brought into great povertye by losses appon the seas, his Lordship wold cause some collection to be made for him at the Crosse in London and other churches of his Diocess.

A relaxation.

A letter to the Bishop of London and rest of the Commissioners Ecclesiasticall signifying howe appon a submission and band taken of Henry Sharp of Northampton, bookbinder, ther Lordships have thought [good] to dismisse him and send him home, the rather for that he enformed their Lordships that his wiffe was very sick, and for this cause they shold not seek any forfeyture of his or his suertyes' bandes, and, further, not vexe or molest the said Sharpe for unnecessary causes.

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A murder in Ireland.

A letter to the Maiour of Gloucester that wheras one Henrie Horne of Gloucester and others, some of them were uppon letters to him from the Lord Justice of her Majesties Realme of Irelande apprehended for a hainous murther by him committed in the porte of Waterford, in the said Realme, with others his associates, he is required that at the charges of Nicholas Wyse, merchant of Waterforde, authorised from the said citie to that purpose, he (*sic*) be conveyed to the citie of Bristoll, and that they be delivered over to the Maiour of Bristoll, requiringe the said Maiour by his letter to receave the parties at the handes of those who[m] the said Maiour of Glocester shall appointe to have the charge of conveyinge them thither, and at the charges of the said Nicholas Wyse to be kept in prison and delivered afterwardes unto him to be transported into Irelande, when he shalbe readie to departe thither, there to receave their triall before the Lord Justice, &c.

Piracy.

A letter of assistance on the behalf of Martin De La Foila and other merchantes of the Lowe Countreyes, accompanied with processe out of the Courte of the Admiraltie for the enquiringe out of certaine pirates having spoiled a

certaine shippe, named the White Falcon, in her voyage from Hamburge to London, belonginge unto the parties aforesaid, and further for the goodes and to sequester them in safe custodie to be forthcominge according to lawe.

Difficulties of a foreign fencing master.

A letter to the Lord Maiour and the Recorder of the Cittie of London that whereas their Lordships, uppon complaincte made unto unto (*sic*) them by Rocco Vonetty of the injuriouse dealing and behaviour of the common fencers of the Cittie towardes him, they had written sundry letters unto them requiring them to call the said fensers before them, and to take order for the poore man's quietnes and saftie, which (as it apperethe) hathe taken litle or none effect hetherto, where at their Lordships doe not a litle marveill; forasmuch as the said Rocco hathe at this presente exhibited a newe complaincte of the insolences and disorders of the said fencers used towardes him and his wief, as he is particulerlie to shewe and prove againste them, they are therefore required to call suche of the fencers before them as the said Rocco shall nominate unto them (and espectially one Francis, teaching in the Blackfrers, and one Isaac, teaching in the Whitefrers), and uppon examinacion of suche informacions as the said Rocco shall deliver in againste them (the same appering trewe) to committe them unto prison, there to remaine untill their Lordships' pleasure be furder signified, and in the meane tyme to certifie their Lordships what they fynde.

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A widow's petition.

A letter unto the Justices of Assise in the countie of Berks recommending the peticion of one ——— Tawney, a widowe, exhibited unto their Lordships in the behalf of Thomas Tawney, her son, apprehended and comitted unto the gaole of Ilechester in the countie of Somerset uppon suspition of roberie, which peticion is sent herein enclosed unto them; forasmuche as the said widowe informethe that her said son is accused and comitted only for malice, and desirethe in that respecte, yf he shall be condemned at the next Assises, he maie be reprived, they are required to have consideracion of the contentes of the said peticion, and if

it shall appere unto them that her informacion be trewe, and that notwithstanding the partie shalbe condemned, then to reprive him, otherwise if he shalbe worthilie fo[u]nd giltie to let the lawe to take suche course againste him as uppon his due tryall shall fall oute before them.

p. 534. *xij° Julij*, 1579, Grenwich.

Lord Chancelour.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Lord Chamberlain.	Bothe Mr. Secretaryes.
Erle of Warwicke.	Sir Walter Mildmaye.

Ludovic Greville. Ludovick Grevell, hertofore committed from the Court of the Starr Chamber to the Fleete for an outrage committed appon the person of Sir John Conway, knight, was this day called in before ther Lordships and discharged of his emprisonment, and further enjoyned appon his allegiance to kepe her Majesty's peace towardes the said Sir John, his frendes and servantes, in soch sorte as the ixth day of this present the like charge was given to Sir John, &c.

A summons. A letter to Thomas Hunckes, gentleman, requiring him to make his repaire unto their Lordships, all unnecessarye delayes layde aparte, and thereof not to faile as he will answere to the contrary at his uttermost perill.

Piracy. A letter of assistance of processe out of the Courte of the Admiraltie in the behalfe of one ———— of the towne of Nantes in Brittanie, for the recoverye of certen wynes and other merchandizes taken from him by an Englishe pirate in the Realme of Irelande.

p. 535. *xiij° Julij*, 1579, Grenewiche.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	

A letter to the Sheriffe of the countie of Wilteshire that where there is remaining in the gaole and (*sic*) Salisburye one Parkins, comitted for horse stealing, whome (*sic*) for certen causes is to be examined before their Lordships, and therefore do thincke mete to have him brought before them, he is therfore required upon the receipte hereof to send the said Parkins unto their Lordships under suer garde, and by the way not to suffer him to have conferrence with any person; and albeit their Lordships intende that for the facte wherewith he remainethe charged he shall receive his triall within that county, yet are they desierouse to be advertised particulerly thereof from them, whiche they are required fourthwith to certifie unto their Lordships. A charge of horse stealing.

A letter to David Williams, gentleman, that where of late he was called before there Lordships concerning the Prebende in controversie betwene the Bishop of Hereforde and David Watkins, when he yelded and promised (untill the matter shoulde be ordered by their Lordships in the Starr Chamber) to forbear to moleste the said Watkins in the possession of the said Prebende, forasmuche as since their Lordships are geven to understand that notwithstanding he hathe procured a write of execucion, thereby intending to dispossesse the said Watkins before the matter should determined, he is required, in respecte of his promise, as also for that the grounde is now sowed with corne (being the onlie relief of the poor man and his familie), not to remove him from the possession of the said Prebende untill their Lordships may see what ende his cause may take uppon triall thereof before their Lordships, whereof he is required not to faile. A dispute as to a Prebend.

A letter to the Lieutenante of the Tower that where there were latelie committed unto the Tower certen persons suspected for the murdering of Thomas Mellershe and his son, there to be delte withall and examined for a tyme for the better discovering of the facte, he is required to see the said personnes to be retourned unto the Prison of the Mareschalsea, whence they were removed, there to be ordered A charge of murder.

by the direction of Mr. Justice Southecotte, and this letter shewed unto the Knighte Mareschall shalbe a sufficient warrant unto him for receving of the said personnes, and to the Lieutenant for the delivering of them.

p. 536. Compensation to a Spaniard.

A letter to the Erle of Bedforde and the rest of the Commissioners against the Transportacion of Graine and Victuall within the countie of Devon that whereas Gonzago De La Villa, a Spaignarde, was of late spoiled by some of the companie of Sir Humffrey Gilberte of shippe and goodes, and althoughe by some dilligence used the shippe be recovered and restored unto him, yeat (*sic*) the goodes being orenges and of that kinde, that the same is not [to] be found in nature nor the parties hable to make recompence thereof, the valewe amounting to one hundred poundes, the Quenes Majestie therefore, pitieng the poore man's case and losses, is verie well pleased that in recompence thereof he be suffered to transporte into the partes beyond the seas to his best commoditie the nomber of iij^{c} quarters of graine, to be brought and levied within the countie of Devon, whence (as their Lordships are informed) good quantities maie be well spared, by reason of the plentie the laste yeare hapned within the said countie; they are therefore in her Majesties behalfe required to permitte the said Gonzago to transporte the quantite aforesaid, to be levied only within that countye in suche sorte and in such places as the same maie cause no inhancement of prices or scarcitie thereof to followe, taking care that no greater quantitie be embeseled then is hereby warranted under collour hereof, giving order to the officers of the port of Plymouthe, where the same is to be embarqued, that they suffer the said graine to passe, taking suche ordinary custome therefore as in that behalf is due unto her Majestie; and for the passing thereof this letter shalbe a sufficient warrant bothe unto the Commissioners aforesaid and to the officers of the said porte.

Lord Riche.

A letter to the Lord Riche signifying unto his Lordship that at the humble suite made to their Lordships by the

frendes of ——— Windham, their Lordships are contented that he be released of imprisonment uppon bandes taken of him in the summe of m^{li} for his good behaviour and keping of her Majesties peace towardes his Lordship and his, and that he forbeare to come in the companie of his wife, and further aunswer suche actions as his Lordship hathe against him for any goodes that maie have come to his handes; requiringe his Lordship that wheras it is enformed that Windham hath ben threatened by some of his Lordship's servantes, that he be neither assaulted or injured by his Lordship or any his frendes or servauntes contrarie to lawe and this order.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles signifying unto him that their Lordships are contented that John Worseleye, heretofore by order from their Lordships committed to thè Marshallseye, be sett at libertie in case the said Worseleye will enter into bandes before him to her Majesties use in the summe of cc^{li}, and John Walter of Cliffordes Inne, gentleman, and William Baye of London, grocer (who, as their Lordships are enformed, offer to stande bounde for him), eche of them in c^{li} (if he shall thincke them sufficient), that he make his apparance before their Lordships the first daie of the nexte Terme for thanswering of suche matters as he shalbe charged with, and to that ende he shall receave herin inclosed a warraunt to the Knight Marshal. p. 537. The Marshalsea.

A letter to the Knight Marshall to followe the direccion of the Master of the Rolles for th'enlarginge of John Worseleye, prisoner under his charge.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Recorder recommendinge unto them a certaine matter in controversie betwene Thomas Marshe, a stationer, William Hayworthe and ——— Burre, one of the Under Sheriffes of the Citye of London, that, calling the parties before them, they would take order in the matter accordinge to lawe and justice, wherto if anye of them shall refuse to condescende, then to advertise their Lordships of their doinges and opinion therin, and For settlement of several disputes.

what is pretended by any of them to the contrarie, that theruppon their Lordships maye take further order accordinglye.

A letter to Thomas St. Pole, Anthonie Tharrolde and Alexander Sampcottes, with a Supplicacion inclosed, referringe the matter to their hearing, that uppon calling of the parties before them, and perusing of the letter from the Deane and Chapter of Peterboroughe sent herewith unto them, they woulde with the consentes of the parties take such order in the matter as shalbe agreable with lawe and justice, or els to advertise in whome the default is and of their proceading and opinions therin, that further order maye be taken accordinglye.

p. 538. The same daye an order was taken before their Lordships betwene George Puttenham, esquire, and the Ladye Windsor, his wiefe, by the assent of bothe parties, and subscribed with bothe their handes, as followethe:—

(*p.* 539 *is left blank in the MS.*)

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The presence under written:—

Settlement of Lady Windsor's case.

The same George Putenham offreth that he will suffre the ladie his wyfe to enjoy the benifit of her sentence withowt his empechement.

Item, that she shalbe sojourned in the howse of the Lorde Delaware, or Lorde St. Jhon, or Syr Richarde Norton, knight, att the charges of her dyet defrayed, together with her ij wemen and necessary attendantes, viz.; iiij men, wherof ij groomes.

Item, three sutes of apparell of sylkes yeerely, and on[e] of them of velvet every second yere, with all other necessary furnitures decent for her.

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* This appears to be the actual deed of arrangement, with interlineations in Lord Burghley's handwriting.

Item, her coche furnished for hir and xx^{li} yerely for her extraordynary expences.

Syr Jhon Throkmorton, or some able person in the judgement of my Lordes of the Counsell, shall be bound for this.

xiij Julij, 1579.

* Geo. Putenham.
* Elizabethe Wenser.

Lord Chauncellor.
Erl Leicester.
Lord Tresorer.
Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Deputy of Irland.
Mr. Vicechamberlayne.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

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Present:—

Lord Chauncelor.
Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.
Erle of Warwick.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Threasurer.
Sir Henry Sidneye.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr Secretary Wylson.

An informer's reward.

A letter to the Erle of Bedforde and Justices of Peace in Cornewall, with thanckes for their discreete proceadinge touching the escape which Trugoon (*sic*) purposed to have made into the partes of beyonde the seas, and forasmuch as it it is from them certified that the matter was discovered by one ——— Hinder, they are geven to understande that her Majestie, in consideracion of his duetifull service therin, is well pleased that the said Hinder should be licensed to transporte into the partes of beyonde the seas eight hundred quarters of graine, having regarde that it be for the benefit of the shire, that the markets be not unfurnished, nor the prices growe excessive, requiringe them that uppon the nominacion of any portes where the said Hinder or his deputie shall thincke meete to embarque the said corne or anye part thereof, that they signifie somuch unto the officers of her Majesties Custome, that they suffer the same

* Original signatures.

to passe uppon paiment of the dueties as in other licences have ben and are accustomed, and that under colour herof a greater quantitie be not suffred to passe then is herby assigned unto him, and shalbe by them so signified either in whole or in parcell unto the Custumers, and these shalbe their sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalf.

Religion in Wales.

A letter to the Lord President and Counsell in the Marches of Wales in the behalf of Fabian Phillips, employed by them for the detectinge and finding out of offendours against her Majesties lawes and ordinances in matter of Religion, that they see him satisfied aswell of such summes of money as are due unto him for his former service, as also of such charges and allowances as they did before his coming hither unto their Lordships, and, retourninge back againe, order should be paid (*sic*) unto him of the first money which shall come to their handes.

p. 542. The drainage of the Fens.

A letter to Jhon Payton, Thomas Hevar and ———— , esquires, that wheras sondrie Commissions under the Great Seale of Englande and letters from their Lordships have ben directed unto divers thinhabitantes of the Ile of Ely and the places adjoyninge for the clensing, scouring and diching of the river of Wisbiche, the same have not taken effect, partly through the default and negligence of some of Commissioners of the Sewers, and partlie for that the creekes and fennes of Marshlandeside, in the countie of Norffolk, have ben stopped, which heretofore receaved the waters which flowed out of the seas; they are required to assemble themselves together in some neare and fitt place with speede convenient, or any ——— of them, and there to consider bothe of thaforesaid pointe, as also whether the inhabitantes of Marshlande may receave any anoyaunce by a goate made heretofore on the southside of the said river, and whether the stopping upp of the same may be profitable to the countrey, and what may be pretended for the breaking upp of the said goate, and to certifie their opinions of the whole matter what they shall thincke most convenient for the state of the countrey, to th'intent further order may

be taken accordingly, and to retorne aunswer herto with spede convenient.

A letter to the Lord Bishoppe of Ely and other Commissioners of Sewers in that Isle, requiringe them that accordinge to an order heretofore sett downe by them for the clensing, diching and skowringe of the river of Wysbiche to the olde bottomes from Gayhorn Crosse unto the sea, and further into the Fennes, if neade were, and for the assessing of the charges of the worke, the said worke may be taken in hande and finished accordingly this yere; wherin their Lordships' opinion is that their example in assessing them selves wilbe a meanes to induce the rest to put to their helping handes for the perfecting of the said worke.

A letter to Sir Richard Shirborne, knight, Edward Tindesley, Mr. Standishe of the Poole, Edward Bradell and Edmunde Asheton, or to any foure or three of them, to examyn a peticion sent herewith exhibited by one John Parkins againste Richard Houghton, gentleman, containing certen disorders latelie committed by Houghton againste the said Parkins, as shall appeare unto them by the said peticion; they are required to examyn the substance of the said peticion, and to certifie their Lordships thereof, that thereupon suche order may be taken by their Lordships as shalbe agreable with justice and equitie. p. 543. For a local enquiry.

A letter to the Lord President of Wallés that where upon complainte exhibited by their Lordships by the tenantes of the Forest of Feckenham againste Sir John Throgmorton and one William Bell, his stuarde, concerning an inclosure by him madè of certen commons and incrochement upon their copieholds within the said Forreste, he therupon appeared before their Lordships and upon consideracion had of the matter it was by them ordered that the suite againste the tenantes commenced at the Common Lawe in respecte of their commons and copieholdes shoulde surcesse, and the matters in controversie [a]byd[e] triall before their Lordships, where the same now dependethe, and untill the matter should be heard and Sir J. Throgmorton's enclosures.

determined they were by their Lordships enjoyned to proceade no furder in th'inclosure of the said common, &c.; forasmuche as the tenantes do now againe complaine that since their Lordships' said order Sir John, with the said William Bell, have notwithstanding inclosed more of the said common, and in disordered manner felled a greate part of the best timber of the said common, but hathe also, contrarie to the said order, caused Bell to proceade againste the tenantes by *ejectione firmæ* at the Common Lawe, he is therefore required by virtue hereof to will and commaunde the said Sir John and Bell to forbeare their inclosure of the said common, felling of the woodes, otherwise then by lawe of the Forreste he maye, and to surcesse their furder proceading in this matter in controversie depending before their Lordships untill the same shalbe had and determined by their Lordships according to their Lordships' former order; he is also required to geve order unto them to prepare and to geve in their rejoynder unto the replie of theis plaintifes delivered in before their Lordships before Easter Terme laste, which they have ever since forborne to doe, for that their Lordships do intende some tyme this next Terme to have the hearing and examining thereof, and there uppon to take suche order therein as their Lordships shall thincke to be agreable with justice and equitie.

p. 544. Renewal of a lease. A letter to th'archbishop of Yorke concerning Mr. Frampton to be restored to his lease of the little Parke of Southwell, &c., accordinge to a minute in the Councell Chest.

Scottish claims. Two severall warrantes to Christopher Andrewes and Robert Martyn for th'apprehendinge and committing of certaine pirates and their ayders and abettours, who have committed sondrie spoile upon divers of the Scottish nation, the same to continewe untill the ——— of August.

The corn trade. Thre severall letters to the Justices of Assises in the counties of Southampton, Devon and Cornwall requiringe them at their repaire into the maritime counties of their

Circuites to conferre with the Justices of Peace and other the inhabitantes that, accordinge to the Statute made in the xiijth yere of her Majesties reigne, they grante licences where the same maye be conveniently spared to transporte certaine quantities of graine into the partes of beyonde the seas for the better maintenance of tillage.

The redemption of galley-slaves.

Fower severall letters to the Sheriffes and Justices of Peace, &c., in the counties of Somerset, Cornwall, Devon and Gloucester for a colleccion to be made for the redemenge of certaine mariners taken by the Turkes' Galleys, accordinge to a minute remaininge in the Counsell Chest.

Together with a letter to th'erle of Bedforde to that effect.

The Spanish Corporation.

A warraunt to ————————, one of the Messengers of her Majesties Chamber, for the bringinge to London of such persones as refuse to conforme them selves to the orders established by the President and Companie tradinge Spaine and Portugall touching their trade, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

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The late Marshal of Berwick.

A placarde for Sir Robert Constable, late Marshall of the towne of Berwicke, to be furnished of thre hable cartes and carte horses for the removinge of his stuff from the said towne of Berwicke unto his house of Newarke.

Welsh officials in disgrace.

A letter to Sir John Throckmorton signifyinge unto him that her Majesties pleasure is that he by his sufficient deede under his hande and seale depute in his office of Justiceshippe within the County Palatine of Chester and certaine shires in the Principalitie of Wales, from which he was of late sequestred by order of the Courte of the Starre Chamber, William Leighton, of the Plashe, esquire, to be joyned with Mr. Townesende in th'execucion of the said service, requiringe him to sende the same unto the Lord Chauncellour, that uppon perusinge of the same, suche order maie [be] taken as is convenient for her Highnes' said service.

A letter to the Warden of the Fleete signifyinge unto him that her Majestie is pleased that Sir John Throgmorton,

knight, latelie committed to his charge from the Starre Chamber uppon certaine bandes taken of him here by order of the Lord Chauncelour, should be released, and this shalbe his sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalf.

A letter to ——— Price requiringe him by his sufficient deede under his hande and seale to depute Renolde Williams, gentleman, of the ——————— Temple, and Francis Ram, joyntlie to exercise for this sommer time the office of Pronotarie in her Majesties counties of Flint and Denbigh in the Principalitie of Wales, from which by order of the Starre Chamber he was latelie sequestered, and to sende the same unto the Lord Chauncelour assone as he convenientlie maye.

An escaped prisoner.

A letter to the Lord Darcie and Sir Thomas Lucas, knighte, concerninge one Mantell, heretofore arraigned and condemned for lewdlie geving out that King Edward should be alive, and afterwardes reprived in the Castell of Colchester, whence it is enformed that he is escaped; they are required for preventing of all inconveniences that herby any waye maie happen, to repaire to the said towne and there to examine both the prisoners presently remaining in the said Castle, and such others whome they shall thincke may discover any thinge touchinge the meanes of his escape, of the kinde of
p. 546. his behaviour and speaches, and what relief and entertainment he had during his abode in the said Castle, and of whome; and in case they shall have intelligence where he is, either them selves to signifie unto the officers of the place where he remainethe that they apprehende and commit the said Mantell to prison, there to remaine without baile untill they shalbe further directed from their Lordships, or els to certifie of their doinges unto their Lordships; and if they shall finde the Keper of the said Castle consenting to the said escape, then to send him hither under safegarde, or in case they shall thincke it to be done without his knowledge, then to take bandes and suertyes of him for his apparance before their Lordships by a daye to be by them prefixed unto him.

A letter to the Lord Scroope with a peticion enclosed exhibited to their Lordships by Christofer Dacres, esquire, and sondrie his poore tenantes which he saith hold certaine leases in the manour of Scailbie by vertue of an olde lease, wherof many years are to come; for that it is likelie that some unquietness and partes taking will growe theraboutes against the time of the harvest by reason of some controversie arisen thereaboutes betwene the said Dacres and William Musgrave, esquire, his Lordship is required that howsoever the title will fall out for any of them (which their Lordships refer to the triall of the Common Lawe) he would have a care that her Majesties peace be kept. And howsoever an inditment and writt of restitucion hath passed for Musgrave against Dacres, yet if his Lordship shall finde that (as Dacres alledgethe) the said tenantes were not parties therto, that his Lordship would have care that the poore men be not expelled nor otherwise [used] than appertaineth to lawe and justice, howsoever Musgrave maye deale with Dacres for his private interest therin; further praying his Lordship that by some mediacion he would doe his endeavour to compounde the matter betwene them if it may be. A Northern quarrel.

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Lord Chauncellor.
Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.
Earl of Leicester.
Lord Deputie.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to the Commissioners for the Causes of the Prisonners in her Majesties Benche signifienge unto them that they sende them a complainte exhibited unto their Lordships by one William Franckland, prisonner there, contayning the unlawfull dealinges of certen personnes againste him; they are required substancially to consider of the said complainte and to call before them the personnes againste whome it is The poor debtors.

framed, and effectually to examyn the truthe thereof, and withe as convenient dilligence as they may to certifie their doinges unto their Lordships, and what they shall finde of the said complainte, that thereupon such order maie be taken as shalbe agreable with justice, &c.

Scottish claims. A letter to the Lord Threasurer that wheras about a yere past a certaine Scottishe barke, laden with wines, was taken by pirates and afterwardes forsaken by them and driven uppon the coast of Sussex, the parties uppon proofe of their losses made before the Judge of th'admiraltie being directed into the said countie for the recoverie of so muche of their goodes as should appere to have ben saved and come to the possession of any th'inhabitantes theraboutes, and theruppon certificate being made unto their Lordships that there were certaine wines founde in the said barke and solde, amountinge to lxv^{li} or theraboutes, which is challenged and detained by the Lord Buckhurst and others claiming the ship and goodes as a weft (*sic*) dewe to the lordes of the soile, which in opinion of the said Judge hath no place in sea matter; albeit there maye be by the laws of the Realme some such custome of weft in such cases happening uppon the lande, and that, if the same right of weft may be challenged, it belongeth unto her Majestie and none others, his Lordship is required that the said summe of money confessed to have ben made of the sale of the said wines may be delivered to Adam Fullerton, Agent for such Scottishe causes in this
p. 548. Realme, uppon his bande that he shall cause the summe to be restored to the trewe proprietaries, and save all parties harmeles for any further demande to be made therof hereafter.

Lord Stafford. A letter to Edward Leighton, esquire, with an inclosed complainte against the Lord Stafforde; forasmuch as his Lordship denieth the matter, and desirethe the trothe therof may be examined by him, he is required to take some paines therin and to compounde the matter betwene them if he can, or els to advertise their Lordships.

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Lord Chauncellor.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Erle of Leicester.	

The Irish Master of the Rolls.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Irelande that where Nicholas Whit, esquire, Master of the Rolles within that Realme, hathe by the space of three yeares last past, from the deathe of Doctor Weston untill the coming of the Lord Chauncelour that now is, supplyed the place of Chauncellour in hearing and determining of causes in the Chauncery there without fee or allowaunce for the tyme, as appearethe by certificate under the Auditor's hande sent herein inclosed unto his Lordship; forasmuche as the said White hathe ben an humble suiter unto their Lordships that in consideracion of his greate paines and charges sustayned some reasonable allowance might be made unto him, their Lordships have thought good to referr him unto his Lordship, to be allowed there by his order some suche somme of money out of her Majesties threasure as by his Lordship shalbe thought fitte, and as hathe in like cases ben heretofore usually allowed, and this, their Lordships' letter, shalbe his warrant in that behaulf.

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Lord Chauncellor.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	

French depredations.

A letter to Sir Amice Powlet to deale with the French Kinge for restitucion to be made unto Alderman Sterkey

and other marchauntes of London of a spoile committed by some of that Nacion uppon the Amie Francis, of London, according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

Scottish claims. A letter to the Erle of Darby that where the bearer, Patricke Mackye, a poore Scottishman, was aboute Midsomer was twelve monethe upon the coaste of Irelande, betwene Arglasse and the Isle of Manne, spoiled by Capten Harrington under collour of a licence graunted unto him from the Lord Deputy for the attaching of prohibited wares to bee transported out of that Realme, at which tyme he tooke from the said Patricke a smale barke withe goods to the value of xliiij^{li}, as by a note of the parcells shall particulerly appeare unto his Lordship; forasmuche as his cause hathe ben earnestly recomended unto the Queen's Majestie and their Lordships from the King of Scottes, and for that as their Lordships are informed the said Harrington, upon the spoile don, brought the bark and the most part of the goods into the Isle of Manne, where the same was sold and dispersed, they desyre his Lordship to geve order that dilligent searche be made within the said Isle, and yf any parte thereof shalbe founde to remayne there, to cause the same immediatelie to be restored unto him, or such recompence made unto him by them that have, or have had, any parte thereof, as the just value of the goods shall amounte unto, and as his Lordship shall thincke to be agreable with justice, &c.

A Letter Patent to all officers that where the Queen's Majestie, uppon recommendacion from the King of Scottes of Patricke Mackye, a verie poore Scottishman, spoiled by Captain Harrington of his barque and goods to the value of xliiij^{li}, hathe geven order that not only his barke and goodes shall fourthwith be restored unto him, but that th'offendours in like sort be apprehended and committed to answere their facte, they are therfore required to be by all good meanes ayding and assisting unto this bearer for the finding out of his goods, as well within liberties as

withoute, and restitucion fourthwith to be made unto him of so muche as maie appeare to appertaine unto him; they are also commaunded by vertue hereof to attache and committe all suche persons as the berer hereof shall signifie unto them to have ben spoilers of him, and thereof not to faile, as they will answere to the contrary; and where by reason of his losses he wanteth meanes to followe the fynding out of his goods and the spoylers, yf upon consideracion hereof any of them, her Majesties subjectes, shalbe moved with any charitable disposicion towards him to helpe to relieve his presente wante by way of almes, they shall doe a good and charitable deede, and geve their Lordships cause to conceive well of them in that behaulf. p. 550.

Irish debtors.

A Letter Patent to all officers commaunding them, and every of them to whome it shall appertaine, to be by all good meanes ayding and assisting unto the bearer hereof, Nicholas Wise, of Dublyn in the Realme of Ireland, merchaunt, for the attaching of the personnes of William Greene and John Edwards, debters unto the said Wise in the somme of vij^{c} and odd poundes, who were lately inhabiting in the Newerye, within that Realme of Irelande, and are now stollen into this Realme, and are suspected to lurke either in London or some other places unknowen, and upon their attachement to see them fourthcoming until they shall have geven good assuraunce unto the said Wise to answere suche sommes of money as by lawe he shall prove to be due unto him from them.

The endowments of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

A letter to the Lord Justice and Lord Chauncellour of Irelande and the Lord Archebishop of Dublin that whereas one John Whyte of Glondalkan, in the countie of Dublin, hathe exhibited to the Quenes Majestie a complaint againste one Christofer Browne and John Dungan, ministers of the Cathederall Churche of St. Patrickes, by whose uncharitable dealinges (as he informeth) he is put from a certen office or collection, comonlie called St. Patrickes Riges, belonging unto the Churche aforesayd, whereof he saithe he hathe ben lawfullie possessed for the terme of his lief, payeng there-

fore a yerelie rent of x^{li}; her Majesties pleasure therefore is that their Lordships, calling before them the said Brown and Dungan, shall dilligentlie examine the contentes of Whytes petition, and if it shall appere unto them that he hathe ben put from thexecucion of the said office by the onlie malice of the said Browne and Dungan, then to see him forthewith restored thereunto againe; which if they maie not convenientlie doe by reason of anie impediment to the contrary, then to certify the same unto their Lordships with as convenient speede as they maie, that uppon consideracion thereof had here, suche furder order maie be taken for the poore man's relief as by her Majestie or by their Lordships shalbe thought convenient.

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Guernsey and the Privy Council.

A letter to Sir Thomas Leyghton that whereas uppon complaint exhibited unto their Lordships by certaine of the inhabitantes of the Isle of Gerneseye of divers and sundrie grievances wherin the said inhabitauntes finde them selves greatly wronged, as well touching their liberties as th'administracion of justice, it pleased her Majestie for the redresse of the same to make choice of certaine Commissioners to repaire into that Isle to enquire of all such thinges as are more at large comprised in certaine articles annexed unto the Commission; he is required, eyther by him self or his sufficient deputie, with th'advice and assistance of the Bailiffe and Jurates, to take order for the levyinge of a convenient contribucion uppon the inhabitauntes of the said Isle for the defraiment of the charges of the said Commissioners, in suche sorte as the said taxation be imposed uppon [the] wealthier sorte, and the meaner be eyther forborne or easelie rated; and herin their Lordships' meaning is that regarde be also had for the defrayinge of the charges and expences of the Bailiffes and Jurates who have uppon their Lordships' commandement attended uppon them for the same and other causes.

A letter to Mr. Doctor Hammon and Mr. Thomas Flemminge signyfienge unto them that it hathe pleased her Majestie to appointe them Commissioners, together with

certaine others, to make their repaire into the Isle of Gerneseye for the redressing of sondrye grevances wherin th'inhabitauntes of the said Isle complaine themselves to be wronged touching their ancient liberties and customes; they are therfore required to put them selves in a readines for th'execucion of that service, and that they be at Southampton by the xxvth daye of the next monethe, where they shall finde a shippe of Sir Thomas Leighton to transporte them into the said Isle of Gernesey, at which place their Lordships have geven order for the rest of the Commissioners to meete them at the ende of the said monethe.

A letter to George Poulet, esquire, and Monsieur de Senton to the same effecte, signifyinge unto them that they are with certaine others appointed Commissioners to repaire into the Isle of Gernesey, &c., requiringe them to bee in the said Isle by the ende of the nexte monethe.

A letter to John Buron, John Fleetewoode and William Shepforde, esquires, advertising them of the receipt of their letters of the 7th of Marche laste touching their dealinges in the matter betwene William Orrell, Frauncis and Gilbert Sherington; uppon perusing wherof, together with th'examinacions sent upp by them, their Lordships thincke convenient that the said Orrell should be aunswered th'annuitie of five markes which was assured unto him for terme of life by Frauncis Sherington, and that therbie they would deale with him to pay the said anuity with th'arrerages dewe without further suite to the contrarie; and further that they would make a such finall ende of all matters betwene them by both their consentes as shalbe agreable with justice, so that their Lordships be no more troubled therwith, and of their doinges to advertise their Lordships. p. 552. A disputed annuity.

A letter to the Justices of the Assises in the countie of Cornwall that whereas by Commission out of the Courte of Requestes certaine examinacions have ben taken by Mr. Trevanion and Kekewiche, Justices of Peace in the countie of Cornewall, touchinge a matter in controversie betwene An old story.

Sir John Killegrewe, knight, and one Henrie Farnabie, heretofore brought before their Lordships, and uppon perusing of the same by one of the Masters of the Requestes, it was enformed unto their Lordships that the possession of the thinge in controversie was taken by the said Sir John indirect[l]ie without any writte of restitucion or recoverie by order of the Common Lawe; they are advertised that their Lordships have written their letters to the said Sir John to restore the possession unto Farnabie as it was before, and then to seeke recoverye against him by order of lawe, they are therfore required to call bothe parties before them, and uppon further examination of the cause to geve order that the said Farnaby be restored to the possession of the thinge wherof he was dispossessed by Sir John Killegrewe, enjoyninge him to commence his accion against Farnabye for the recovery of suche right as he may have therto accordinge to the course of the Common Lawe.

A letter to Sir John Killegrewe, knight, that wheras it is enformed unto their Lordships by one of the Masters of the Requestes, uppon the perusing of th'examinacions taken by Mr. Trevanion and Kekewiche in the matter betwene him and Farnabye, that he obtained the tenement in controversie by waye of entrye without writte of restitucion or other lawfull proceading, he is required to restore unto the said Farnaby the possession of his tenement as he before enjoyed the same, and if he have any right or title therto in lawe, to commence his accion against him for recoverye therof by order of lawe.

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Spanish claims. A letter of assistance on the behalf of Alonso Bazurto for thapprehending of certaine pirates and such as have ben their ayders and abbettours in the spo[i]linge of a certaine shippe of Fuenterabia in the Realme of Spaine, called the Bonaventure, and the recoveringe of suche parte of the goodes, beinge sayd to have ben brought into divers places of the countyes of Dorset, Southampton and Isle of Wight, as shall appere to have come to the handes and possession

of others, according to processe awarded out of her Majesties Courte of the Admiraltie for that purpose.

The Drayton Bassett case.

A letter to the Justices of Assise in the countie of Stafford mentioning the riott of Draighton Bassett, and signifieng unto them that sythe the mater is not rype for their hearing, by reason of manie other causes depending thereon to be first heard in the Starr Chamber, they thought it never the lesse mete in the meane tyme to require them at their next Assise to acquainte suche of the Justices of the Peace there as theye shall thincke mete with her Majesties resolute intent to have the parties offenders severlie to be proceded withall for examples sake; and for that the moste parte of them absenting them selves since the riotte and murder committed cannot heitherto be heard of, some of them supposed to lurke secretlie within the countie, kept and maintained by personnes of countenance, they shall do well to signifie the same unto the Justices and the countrey, that they who maie be charged therewith, considering the danger thereof, be therby induced to bring them fourthe unto their tryall; and to give speciall charge unto the said Justices to make dilligent inquiry after the reste not apprehended, and according to the order heretofore directed unto them in that behalfe to doe their best endevours for the fynding out and attaching of them and every of them, or their abbettours, and to committe them untill they maie be proceded withall and ordered according to the lawes of the Realme in that behalf provided. William Grene is for his service in theise maters recommended unto them.

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Lord Chanceler.
Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.
Erle of Leycester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Comptroler.
Lord President of Wales.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The Plague in East Anglia.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwiche that where humble suite hathe ben made unto their Lordships in the behalfe of Michaell Hare, prisonner at Burye for mater of Religion, that by reason of the sicknes and infection within the towne nere unto the prisonne where he remainethe, he might for the preservacion of his healthe and danger of the said infection might be removed unto some other place of lesse perill, uppon consideracion whereof we have ben contented to yield unto his suite so he maie be placed in some convenient and fitte place in the howse of some fitte person of credite, where he maie not onlie be conferred with all for his conformitie by some lerned precher by their Lordships' appointement, but also that the place be suche where he maie not hurte and infect others with his errours, which they are in that respect to referre unto his Lordship's care and consideracion; prayeng his Lordship accordinglie to have a speciall regarde thereunto, and to certifie unto their Lordships where he shall bestowe him, and this their letter, &c.

A letter to the Justices of the Assises in the county of Essex in the behalf [of] one Robert Brook, who being bound by an order of the Starre Chamber to appere at the Assises to ask pardon for an offence by him committed against Mr. Justice Meade, feareth that he can not safely repair thither; they [are] required to shewe him asmoch favour as laufully they maye, he performing the said order of the Starr Chamber.

p. 555. Abbey lands in Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Irelande that wheras Patrick Fitzmoris, one of her Majesties servauntes, hathe ben a suter unto her Highnes to have the late dissolved Abbeyes of Rathoe and Kernilizon in the province of Mounster in fee farme, forasmuch as it is enformed that the said parcells are allreadie passed to th'erle of Desmonde, her Majestie hath not thought it convenient that the same should be graunted unto Patricke or any others; howbeit in respecte of the said Patrickes and his father's good

service heretofore done unto this Crowne, her Majestie beinge well inclined to doe them some good, her pleasure is that uppon conference with the Surveyour and other officers of her Majesties revenues in that Realme, he would seeke out some other thinge within the said province of Munster, where the said Patricke and his father dwell, which maye be convenient to be graunted unto them, and therof to sende a particular certificate with expedicion convenient, to th'intent that her Majesties warraunt may be procured unto him for the passing of the same unto them accordinglie, and in the meane time he is required that indirectlie no estate of the same thinge be made to anye others.

Trade with the East.

A letter to Mr. Attorney Generall that whereas the merchauntes trading into the East Partes are humble suters unto her Majestie that by her Highnes' Letters Patentes she would vouchsafe to make them a Companie and Fellowshippe Incorporate, and in that respect to graunte unto them certaine priviledges which they have brieflie sett downe in an abstracte sent herwith unto him; forasmuche [as] the Merchauntes Adventurers and Spanishe Merchauntes have opposed themselves against divers articles comprehended in the said abstracte as prejudiciall to their Chartres and Corporacions, and are now (as their Lordships are enformed) contented to yielde therunto, he is required to acquainte the said Merchauntes Adventurers and Spanishe Merchauntes with the said abstracte before he drawe upp the booke, that their consent be had to the articles which heretofore they misliked.

Charges of wrecking.

A letter of assistance to Thomas Standley of London, merchant, for a shippe laden at Dantsick cast away about Winterton in Norffolk by tempest, and the goodes spoiled by sondry inhabitauntes of those partes, to have the same restored according to a processe of the Court of the Admiraltye.

A letter of assistance for the recoveringe of certaine clothes, &c., taken and spoiled out of a certaine hoye in

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the monethe of November last past by one Walter Dabernall and his complices, about Margate in the Isle of Thennet, divers parcells wherof are said to have come to the handes of divers th'inhabitauntes of the countie of Kent and Dorset about Lullworthe.

xxvij Julij, 1579, Grenwich.

Present:—

The Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Tresorer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Sir Henry Sidney.	

A Cornish prisoner.

A letter to the Sheriffe of Cornewall that wheras Mrs. Trugeon hathe ben humble suter unto their Lordships that her husbande, sithe the time of the discoverie of his intention to have escaped into the partes of beyonde the seas beinge kept in gives and irons, might be released of the same, he is required that uppon sufficient suertyes to be taken to him and the Keper of the prison that he shall from henceforthe be a trewe prisoner and behave him self whilest he shall remaine there in such a sorte as he ought, that then he be released of the said gives and irons; he is further required to suffer him to receave of his wife, frendes and kinsfolkes such relief of meat, drincke and clothing as they shall thincke good to bestowe uppon him, which hitherto they durst not adventure to do (as Mrs. Trugeon enformethe) by reason of threatninges in the countreye and for feare to incurre some further danger, having good regarde that under colour herof no fraude be committed, but that he be safe kept and forthcominge; and this shalbe his sufficient warraunt and discharge in that behalf.

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Irish matters.

A pasporte for Patricke Fitzmoris, the Baron of Lixenawes sonne in the Realme of Irelande, for post horses for him self and two servantes and guide.

A letter to th'erle of Bedforde touchinge Irelande, accordinge to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

A letter to the Lord Justice in Irelande to looke unto the attemptes of James Fitzmoris, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

Kidnapped Spaniards.

A letter to the President of the Companie of Merchauntes trading Spaine requiring them to cause one Bucrell, a ship-master, who latelie retorning out of Spain brought with him certaine Spaniardes into this Realme, subjects and officers of the King of Spain, cominge for the said King's service from the shore to viewe the said ship and merchandize, to be apprehended and committed to some one of the prisones of the Citie, there to remaine without baile or mainprise untill order shalbe given by their Lordships to the contrarie.

Brigstock Park.

A letter to the Lord Zouche and rest of the Commissioners latelie appointed for thexamination of the disordered huntinge in her Majesties Parke of Brigstock, in the county of Northampton, touchinge the two persones by them committed to prison for their disordred hunting and bailed by the Lord Vaux and Sir Edward Montague, who, havinge appeared before their Lordships, alledge for excuse that the parties' learned counsell demaunding that they might be bailed they refused to assent therto, as also to declare what authoritie his Lordship had from their Lordships in that behalf, beinge requested therto by the said Lord Vaux; his Lordship is therfore required to advertise their Lordships what speaches passed betwene him and the Lord Vaux in the matter, signyfying unto him that Mr. Montague and the Lord Vaux are enjoyned to bringe unto his Lordship and the other Commissioners the ij persones so bailed, whome they may recommitt for a time and afterwardes take baile of them them selves; and, further, Simon Montague is also enjoyned to finde and bring unto them his two other men, whome they maie also committ and baile as aforesaid to be forthcoming with the rest to aunswer to lawe, who it is meant shall not be debarred from such their traverses the lawe will geve them.

p. 558. The Oath of Supremacy.

A letter to the Lord President and Counsell in the Marches of Wales together with a minute of a letter sent unto the Justices of the Assises for ministring of the othe of enrollement to the Justices of Peace, &c., according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

A like letter to the Justices of the Assises in the Countie Palatine of Chester, &c.

The harvest in Kent.

A letter to the Sheriffe and Justices of Peace of Kent advertisinge them of their Lordships' good liking that her Majesties subjectes there might be licensed, in respect of the plentie of graine, to transporte some parte therof into the partes of beyonde the seas according to the Statute made in the xiijth yere of her Majesties reigne, requiring the Sheriffe to cause the same to be published in convenient places of the shire according to the Statute; nevertheles, having regarde that according to the other branche of the Statute the same be staied in time if therby any want or dearthe shall ensue.

Popish vestments at Lichfield.

A letter to Sir Walter Ashton, knight, Mr. Deane of Lichefielde, Mr. Doctor Buckley, Thomas Trentham, Richard Bagot, and any 4 or 3 of them, touchinge certaine copes, vestmentes, tunicles and such other Popishe stuffe enformed by letter from the Dean of Lichefelde to be within the Cathedrall Churche of Lichefielde; they, or any 3 of them, are required to assemble them selves together in the towne of Lichfielde and to cause the said Popishe stuffe to be sought out and brought before them, and theruppon to deface the same and to cause it to be indifferentlie praised and solde, and the money therof arising to be converted to some other good and necessarie use of the Churche, or els to the relief of the poore, and to see the same effectuallie done, and therof to advertise their Lordships.

Brigstock Park.

Simon Montague, brother to Sir Edward Montague of the countye of Northampton, knight, being bound by the Lord Zouch and other Commissioners hertofore by their Lordships'

p. 559. letters apointed to examine certen informacions of disordered

hunting in her Majesties Park of Brigstock in the said countye, made his apparance before their Lordships, and after some speches used unto him what was become of John John (*sic*) and one Sheward, his servantes, and why he did not bring them to be examined before the said Commissioners, he answered that they were gon from him with out his knowledg, and that he knewe not what was become of them, or where they were; wheruppon their Lordships enjoyned the said Simon Montague, appon payn of enprisonment, to do his best endevour to seeke and finde out the sayd Shepward and Johnson (*sic*), and theruppon to bring them before the Lord Zouch and other Commissioners, who shold for a time committ them and afterwardes baile them; and it was further told the sayd Simon Montague that the said persons appearing they shold not be debarred from traversing of their inditementes according to lawe.

xxviij July.

Lord Tresorer. Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Lord Admirall. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Tresorer.

Men, munition and treasure for Ireland.

A letter to the Maiour of Bristowe to require them furthwith, either in that town or partes about, to make provision of a last of good corne powder, and to send the same to the Maior of Waterford in Ireland, to be employed for her Majesties service in that Realme by the direction of the Lord Justice, which powder shold be restored unto them very shortly againe out of the masse of munition which is ment shalbe shortly sent to be imbarcked there for that Realm, &c.

A placart to Robert Gascoigne, Post of the Courte, for the laying of postes from Helprye to the Court. p. 560.

The like to Robert Browne for the laying of the postes from the Court to Exeter.

A letter to the Lord Tresorer that wheras her Majesty had given warrant for the issuing of five thousand pound

Men, munition and treasure for Ireland.

for the service of Irland, forasmoche as it is thought convenient that there shold be a provision of vittall made at Barstable and Bristoll and other charges of soldiers that may be transported into that Realme, his Lordship ys willed to retayne one thousand poundes of the same for that purpose, and to give order that the same provision be mad as hath ben hertofore accustomed and his Lordship best knoweth.

A letter to the Sheriffe and Justices of Peace in the countie of Somerset for the puttinge in a readines of a certaine number of men for her Majesties service in the Realme of Irelande, accordinge to a warrant heretofore sent unto them in the monethe of June, 1577, to be transported into the said Realme from the porte of Bristoll uppon signification therof to be geven them either from their Lordships or the Lord Justice of Irelande.

The like letter to the Sheriff and Justices of Peace in the county of Dorset.

p. 561. A letter to the Lord Marques of Winchester and the Lord Thomas Howarde requiringe their Lordships that wheras there are letters directed to the Sheriffes and Justices of Peace of that countie, &c., for the puttinge in a readines of a certaine number of men to be transported into the Realme of Irelande for the suppressing of the attemptes of James Fitzmoris (if neade shall so require), that their Lordships would doe their endevour to further this service.

A letter to th'erle of Kildare thancking his Lordship for his paines taken in the matter of the Cesse, and for his forwardnes to employe him self against the traiterous attemptes of James Fitzmoris, advertising him of her Majesties and their Lordships' good acceptacion therof, requiringe his Lordship to continue the like course still.

A letter to th'erle of Desmonde thanckinge his Lordship for his forwardnes from time to time declared towardes her Highnes and the Estate, requiring his Lordship to continue the like course still in aiding the Lord Justice, &c., of that Realme to withstande the traiterous attemptes of James Fitzmoris.

The Plague in East Anglia.

A letter to the Lord Bishop of Norwiche touching the increase of the infection of the Plague reported to be in the said citie of Norwich, Yarmouthe and other places of his Diocesse, that the infection be not dispersed by carying of wares from thence into other places, and that he enforme their Lordships of the nomber of the persones that have ben infected, dead or recovered of the said sicknes, requiring his Lordship to followe the orders published hertofore in print for the staie of the infection, geving the same counsell to the corporate townes.

Postscript; that they of Norwich and Yarmouthe forbeare to come to Bartholomew Faire in London, if the Plague be so great as it is reported.

Concealed treasure.

A letter to the Erle of Cumberlande that wheras by his Lordship's letter to the Lord Threasurer their Lordships understand that his Lordship's tenantes, digging in the grounde for peates, founde a pitte wherin it is suspected some treasure is contained, which, notwithstanding, they denie, being by his Lordship examined; his Lordship is therfore authorised to examine them uppon their corporall othes, calling unto him for his better assistaunce some of the Justices of Peace dwelling thereaboutes.

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The landing of James Fitzmaurice.

A letter to Sir John Perrot, knight, that wheras her Majestie, uppon advertisementes out of Irelande that the towne of the Dingle should be taken by James Fitzmoris, is minded to set parte of her Navie to the seas under his conducte and charge, he is willed forthwith to make his repaire hither; with a placard enclosed to take upp such post horses as he shall have neade of.

xxx^mo Julij, 1579.

Signed by:—

.Lord Admiral.
Erle of Leycester.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Both Mr. Secretaries.

English officers in Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Irelande that wheras in his letter he recommended unto their Lordships Capten Collier to have some pencion or other entertainment at her Majesties handes, their Lordships, being desirous to doe him anie pleasure they maie, have thought convenient for his better relief till better occacion be offred that he be by his Lordship appointed to have the charg of suche forces as in the viijth Article of the late Establishment are expressed to be bestowed uppon some person of Englishe birthe, with suche allowaunces as his Lordship and the Councell shall thincke good to allowe unto him and by the said Establishment are sufficientlie warraunted.

The Marshalsea.

A warrant unto the Knight Marshall for releasinge of Henrie Blower out of prison.

The forged document.

A letter to the Bishop of London and Commissioners Ecclesiasticall signyfying unto them that their Lordships, uppon consideracion of their letter touching th'examinacions of Thomas Cooke concerning the counterfeictinge of the late Bishop of Winchester's hande, are contented that uppon good suerties he be by them bailed, and uppon condicion for his apparance before them at the beginning of the next Terme, and then they maie either retorne him to prison or take suche further order with him untill the matter shalbe fullie examined and tried as they shall thincke convenient.

p. 563. Release on bail.

A letter to the Knight Marshall or his Deputie that uppon receipt herof he sett at libertie one John Benbridge, goldsmith, uppon good bandes and suerties in the summe of *———————— to her Majesties use for his apparaunce before their Lordships the first daie of the nexte Terme, and to be forthcoming to answer according to lawe to such matters as Anthonie Wingfelde, one of her Majesties Gentlemen Ushers, hath or maie have to charg him with, and the same bandes to sende unto their Lordships.

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A letter to the President and Assistantes of the Merchauntes trading Spaine and Portugall with a Supplicacion inclosed touching some matter in controversie betwene John Hawes and Anthonie Pennistone, bothe merchantes of the said Companie; forsomuch as the plaintiffe, by reason of his partnership with Pennistone, alledgeth that he is by the Common Lawes without remedie for recovering of so much as by right he pretendethe dothe belonge unto him, they are required to call bothe parties before them, and to ende the matter betwene them by bothe their consentes if it may be, or els to advertise their doinges and in whome the default is, that theruppon their Lordships maie take further order accordinglie. A commercial case.

A letter to the Lord Justice in Irelande that whereas by letter from the Maiour of the citie of Waterforde their Lordships are enformed that the haven of that place is much infested by the resort and trade of pirates succoured (as it is thought) in the Bay of Doncavan (*sic*) sithe the cominge of one Edward Itchingham to dwell there, and complaint hath ben made of a piracie committed on a French man in that place; forasmuch as the quiet trade of that place dependethe muche uppon the good neighborhoode of the farmer of that place, his Lordship is required to enjoyne the said Itchingham, or his deputie or farmer of the said place, not to aide, relieve or maintaine any such pirates or any waye intermedle with them, and to that effecte to take good bandes and suerties of the said persones.* Pirates at Waterford.

* *Ultimo Julij.*

A letter to the Lord Garrett that where it was enformed unto their Lordships that his men had threatned the Watch and went about to be revenged of the inhabitantes of Totenham, he shold commaund and enjoyne them that they should forbeare to molest them or Lord Kildare's son.

* This date is given in the margin.

do them any harme, but live quietly, keping her Majesties peace as it became good subjectes; and when his Lordship
p. 564. shold be able to repair hither, then ther Lordships wold take soch farther order in the matter between his Lordship and them of Totenham as shold be convenient.

Treasure for Ireland.

A placard for post horses and cartes for ——— Colman, the Lord Justice of Irlandes servant, for him self and his company, and for the carying of a masse of treasure nowe sent thither.

The landing of James Fitzmaurice.

A letter to the Maior of Waterford thanking him for his first advertisementes, sent hither by Nicholas Wise, of the landing of James Fitzmorris at the Dingle, and requiring him to continewe the like dutifull care and behaviour towardes her Majesty and this Crown still, wherof her Highnes and their Lordships wold not be unmindfull when occasion shold be offred.

3° Augusti, 1579, Grenewiche.

Lord Chancelor.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Vicechamberlan.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Comptrooler (*sic*).	

A letter to Sir Thomas Lucas, &c.

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Escape from gaol.

A letter to Sir Thomas Lucas signifieng that upon the receipt of suche letters and examinacions from the Lord Darcy and him touching the late escape made by Mantell out of Colchester Gaole, their Lordships caused Elizabeth Vesey to be apprehended and examined, and forasmuche as it appearethe by her confession (the copie whereof is herewith sent unto him) that the wydowe Symonds, now

* This date is given in the margin.

prisonner there, was not only privie and consenting to his escape, but (by all likelihoods) knowethe whither he went from thence and where he may be remayning; he is therfore required fourthwith upon the receipt hereof dilligentlie and substancially to examyn her uppon the said pointes, together with suche other circumstances as thereupon maie best arise and he shall thincke mete to be understoode in that behaulf, and thereof to advertise their Lordships with as convenient speed as he maye.

Lord Stafford and his tenants.

A letter to the Lord Stafforde signifieng that their Lordships are verie sorrie to understande that his Lordship's behaviour is suche in that contrie that their Lordships are from tyme to tyme troubled with sundry complaintes of diverse poore tenantes of that lordship of Caux against him, for redresse whereof as appertainethe bothe unto their dueties and is fitte for the mainetenance of her Majesties lawes, whiche are indifferently to be administred to all personnes, their Lordships cannot but signifie unto him how muche they mislike of his disorderly dealinges, and geve him to understande that yf her Majestie were informed thereof it were like that suche displeasure would ensue towards him as he would be lothe to sustaine; for it be true (as it is informed) that about the xxijth of the laste monethe he imprisoned John Corbet in that Castell for that he complayned here, and furder by threatninges to put him in the dungeon he forced him to promise his Lordship xx^{li}, when as it is sayd he owethe him nothing, or els to returne theither againste (*sic*), and that his Lordship drivethe their cattell into the Castell and convert[s] their profitt unto his owne use, and thereupon receiving certen replevies by the Connestable from the Sheriffe his Lordship not only made refusall to deliver the cattell but verie presumptuously tare them in peces, and that his Lordship kepethe in that Castell sundry disordered persones who committe diverse barratries and other misdemeanours upon her Majesties good and quieter subjectes, their Lordships do assure him that these are actions unfitte for his

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Lord Stafford and his tenants.

calling, and therfore do requier him not only to signifie unto their Lordships what he is able to answere for his excuse to the contrarie, but also to charge him to forbeare to committe the like hereafter; and that not only fourthwith upon the receipt hereof he make presente delivery unto the parties of their cattell which he hathe so taken, but also that he se her Majesties peace kept and neither to moleste them, their goods, or cattell unlawfully, either by him self or his servantes, especially seing they being heretofore by the consent and appointement of him self returned tenantes unto an other muste of necessitie answere the rentes as they have don, untill upon furder hearing of the matter in the Chancery some other order shalbe taken betwene his Lordship and Sir Rowland Heywarde to the contrarie, and therfore seing they hold theyr estates by his Lordship's dimise it is harde that contrary to lawe and his Lordship's acte they should be so vexed as they complaine they are, and therfore do pray him to take some suche order as their Lordships maie heare no more of it, and as he will upon his perrill answer to the contrary.

A letter to Edward Leighton and Thomas Scrivyn, esquires, that where their Lordships are credibly informed that the Lord Stafford hath of late sundrie waies abused the tenantes of the mannour of Caux, both by imprisoning some of them and impounding their cattell, which (as it is alleaged) he refusethe to release upon the Sheriffes replevies; like as their Lordships have written their letters unto the said Lord Stafford to behave him self more duetifullie hereafter, and to see her Majesties peace kept as it should be, so their Lordships thought it convenient for sundry consideracions to require them to have a speciall care that the said tenantes maie be provided for in suche sorte as that they be not unlawfully molested by the said Lord Stafford or any of his servantes, especially those whose names are contayned in the scedule following, but maie quietlie enjoye the benefitte of her Majesties peace

and lawes as heretofore they have don, untill the matter betwene the said Lord Stafford and Sir Rowland Heyward touching the right of the said Castell shalbe otherwise determined in the Courte of the Chauncerye.

A placcard to all officers that where their Lordships do understande from the Lord Justice of Ireland of a horrible murther committed by Henry Horne of Glocester and other his associates within that Realme, and that Horne hath ben arrested at Carmarthen in Wales, requiring them to see the said Horne and suche other of his associates as shall be founde culpable in the said facte to deliver (*sic*) unto this bearer to be either conveyed from thence into Irelande, yf convenient shipping shall there be found, or els unto the cittie of Bristoll yf they shall so require it, or els some other place within the haven of Milford where he maie be conveniently inbarqued and delivered to this berer, Nicholas Wise, or his deputie, when he shalbe readye to departe into Irelande, there to receive suche triall as by the Lord Justice shalbe thought agreable with lawe and equitie. p. 567. A Waterford murder.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Irelande that whereas in the xiijth yeare of her Majesties reign, upon consideracion of sundry spoiles committed by the Frenche on Thomas Wise and James Walshe, merchauntes of Waterforde, to the value of 1,300^{li}, processe was graunted out of her Majesties Courte of the Admiraltie, and from her Majestie a warrant under the Privie [Seal] signed for the arresting of shippes and goodes appertayning to the Frenche therwith to satesfie them, who thereupon repeiring into Ireland to put them in execucion, the Lord Deputie and the reste of her Majesties Councell there forseeing what inconveniences might followe thereby, thought mete that they shoulde not take the benefitte of the said proces and her Majesties warrant, and therupon an Order was passed under the Greate Seale of Irelande that ther should be leavied of every shippe and of all merchaundises belonging to the French arriving there the somme following, viz.; of every ton of hull, xviij^{d}; of every ton of wyne, iij^{s}; of every ton of iron, ij^{s}; of every ton of salt, Claims against the French.

xviij^{li}, &c., as by the said Order maie furder appeare unto his Lordship; forasmuche as they do nowe complaine that since the Lord Deputies coming from thence they are after a sorte debarred of the benefitte of the said Order, and therfore desire that they maye be permitted to put their former letters in execucion, their Lordships thought it good, considering their poore estate, to suffer them to be recompensed, either by arreste of shippes and goods according to the vertue of their processe or els to have the imposicion contynued, which their Lordships do referre to his Lordship's beste consideracion; allowing, neverthelesse, in their opinions
p. 568. better of the contynuance of the imposicion then of the arrestes, for the consequence that maye followe thereof, as also for that their Lordships are informed the parties on whome the same hath ben leavied have not ben much agreeved therwith, understanding the cause why it is imposed upon them.

Religion in Northampton.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer and Mr. Chauncellour of thexchequire that where theire Lordships are informed that he (*sic*) intendethe shortelie to be at Mr. Vicechamberlaines howse not farr from the towne of Northampton, forasmuch as about the tyme of his departure from hence ther were sent up certen examinacions taken by Sir John Spencer and others against one William Jenninges, parson of Allhallowes within that towne, wherwith he being charged deniethe to be faultie, and saiethe he can directlie prove the contrarie, their Lordships desirous that both the truthe maie be truelie understoode, and suche disorders might be redressed as have ben hertofore complayned of in matter of Relligion, doe therefore desire them when as they shall be at Mr. Vicechamberlaines house, or any other convenient place, to call before them bothe the said Jenninges and the Maiour and suche other persons of that towne as bothe upon the perusing of the said examinacions (which are herewith returned unto them) and otherwise they shall think fitt to be sent for in that behaulf, and upon the hearing of both parties to doe their beste endevours to compounde the controversies betwene

them, and preservacion of unitie betwene them hereafter; and where their Lordships are furder geven to understande bothe from the Bishop of Peterbourghe and other Commissioners before this appointed by their Lordships for thexaminacion of those causes that diverse of the inhabitauntes of that towne refusing to conforme them selves in matter of Relligion do repaire to Lillingston, to Mr. Wentworthes howse, and ther do and are admitted to receive the Sacramentes after an other sorte, they do also desire them to send for the said Mr. Wentworth and to take suche order with him for the redressing of that which shalbe amisse as by them shall be thought meete for the taking away of all occasions of dissentions amongest them, so as their Lordships be not hereafter any more troubled therewith.

Lead for Ireland.

A letter to the Maiour of Bristoll requiring him to make provision, either within the cittie or nere there aboute, of two fother of leade to be sent fourthewith for her Majesties service into Irelande, and the same being provided at reasonnable prices to deliver it unto the berer hereof, taking a bill of his hand testifieing the receipt thereof, which he is to send upp unto their Lordships with as convenient dilligence as he maie, and the mony disburced for the said leade shalbe fourthewith delivered to the partie that shall bring the said bill.

A letter to Mr. Glasier of Chester to the like effecte, for the providing of one fother of leade for her Majesties said service. p. 569.

Welsh soldiers for Ireland.

A letter to the Lord President in Wales that wher upon the late advertisement of the landing of James Fitzmorris at the Dingle her Highnes gave order that in the counties of Dorset, Somerset, Devon and Cornewall there should fourthwith be put in a readines the number of 1,000 men to be transported yf nede shall require, albeit it is thought that those and her Majesties other forces will be sufficient to suppresse any attempt that the rebell can make, yet their Lordships do signifie unto him that

her Majesties furder pleasure is that (where heretofore upon occasion of like service order was geven unto him for the putting in a readynes of 1,000 within the Principall[it]y of Walles and sheires adjoyning, according to the allottement by his Lordship and that Councell set downe) he should fourthwith upon the receipt hereof informe him self what is become of the men and munician then appointed for this service, and to have a speciall care that yf neede shall fall out they maie be readie to be imployed yf it shalbe thought convenient for her Majesties service.

Scottish claims. A letter to the Bishop of Dunelm that wher about November, 1577, a barke called the Fortune of Aberden, in Scotlande, appertayning to Henry Endiacht, was driven nere to Seton, where she perished, and yet no wrecke; forasmuche as their Lordships do understande by the said Endiacht that a good part of the goods laden in her are since recovered by the personnes inhabiting thereaboutes, do therfore require his Lordship to call before him any suche person as the said Endiacht or any other in his behaulf shall nominate unto him to have any part of the said goods, and to cause them to restore the same or the juste value thereof unto him, geving therfore suche recompence unto the finder as his travaile in that behaulf dedeservethe; and to have a care that yf any more of the goods, as anchors, &c., shall hereafter be founde, that upon the demaund of the said Endiacht or his assignes the same also maie be from tyme to tyme restored unto him.

A Welsh case. A letter to the Bishop of Bangor, William Thomas and William Griffithe, esquires, to heare and examine a cause betwene Morice ap Richard of Bangor and one William ap Ivan, and to compound it if they maie according to justice and equitie, and with the consentes of the partyes.

The London Porters. A letter to the Lord Maiour and Aldermen of the Cittie of London recomending unto them a Supplicacion of the
p. 570. Porters of London, which heretofore their Lordships had in like case recomended unto them, but nothing hathe therein

ben don by them to the satisfaction of the complaynantes, nor any answer retourned unto their Lordships, and therefore they are let to understand their remisse dealing therein, and of a difficultie and scrupule by them unnecessariely made, when letters are commonly directed to the Lord Maiour, if the direction be not also to the Aldermen they forbeare to deale therein; yt is therefore hereby signified unto them that for the better explanacion of their Lordships' mynde, that when letters are directed to the Lord Maiour for maters appertaining unto the pollicie and gouvernement of the Cittie it is meant and to be understood unto them all; they are also required to take some speedye order in the mater of the Porters so as the parties have no occasion to repaire unto their Lordships, orels that fourthwith they advertise howe the mater standethe, to th'intent some furder order maie be taken accordinglye.

Two warrantes for the taking upp of cartes and teames for the carieng of munition unto the Realme of Irelande, the one by the waye of Bristoll and the other by the waye of Chester. Ammunition for Ireland.

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Lord Admiral.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Lord Chamberlan.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Comptroller.	

A letter to the Lord Chandos and others to examine a mater in controversie betwene Christofer Bancrofte, gentleman, and Thomas Cooke, clerke, concerning the vicarege of Leachelade, and to make some ende thereof betwene the parties suche as in equitie and justice by them shalbe thoughte mete. For settlement of two disputes.

A letter [to] the Erele (*sic*) of Kent, the Lord Chayney and John Spencer, esquire, to examine certen articles of complainte exhibited unto their Lordships by John Kirke of Bedforde againste one Robert Carys of Bidenham in that p. 571.

countie, containing sondrye injuries don by the said Carys unto Kirke they are required uppon the hearing of the mater to make some finall end thereof betwene the parties, suche as in justice and equitie they shall thincke mete, that their Lordships be no more troubled therewithe.

Restrictions on the corn trade removed.

A letter to the Sheriffe and Justices of Peace in the countie of Sussex that where their Lordships do understande from the Justices of Assises in that countie and them of the greate plentye of graine, as well of the yeare paste as of the likelihoode of the yeare to come, by reason whereof the prices of graine as (*sic*) so lowe as good quantities maie be suffered to be transported unto the partes beyonde the seas for the better benefitte of the inhabitauntes of that countie; their Lordships do lett them understande that in consideracion thereof they thincke it meete that the inhabitauntes of the sayd countie be permitted to transporte into any the partes beyonde the seas, being in amitie with the Queen's Majestie, such quantities of grayne as by them shalbe thought fitte to be spared, having regarde that no scar[c]etie or enhauncement of prices do followe thereof; they are therfore hereby authorised to cause publicacion to be made throughe out the countye in convenient places of this permission of transporting of graine according to the Statute of the xiijth yeare of the Queen's Majesties raigne, as also required to have a speciall care that thereof no want or dearthe do ensewe, but according to an other branche of the said Statute upon any enhauncement of prices or scarcetie to cause the said transportacion to be stayed.

vj^{to} Augusti, 1579, Grenewiche.

The Lord Admiral.
Earl of Leycester.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroler.
Sir Henry Sidney.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Secretaire (*sic*) Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Thre letters, the one to Mr. Nicolas Gorge, the other to Mr. Henry Palmer and the thirde to Capten Pierce, commanding them to prepare them selfes fourthewith to serve in her Majesties shippes at the seas, which are to be ready to departe under their conductions by the xiiijth of this present. Naval officers warned for service.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer that where there hathe been sundry tymes brought unto the Councell Boorde (as his Lordship maie well remember) a complainte by one Thomas Cooper againste one Gawen Sanders, and hereuppon diverse letters writen unto certen Commissioners for the hearing and determining ofthe cause betwene them who (as it hathe appered) have not ben hable to make anie finall ende thereof by reason of the wilfull disposicion of the said Sanders; their Lordships have therefore thought good, his Lordship being presentlie in those partes, ernestlie to desire him to make choise of some suche fitte and indifferent gentlemen as by his Lordship shalbe thought meete, and to committe unto them the furder hearing of this controversye, and to advise some meanes howe the wilfullnes of the said Sanders in the equitie of the poore man's cause maie be bridled, and the mater so ended and ordered as ther Lordships be no more troubled therewith. Two disputes to be settled. p. 572.

A letter to Alderman Rivers, Alderman Barnes and Woodroof, &c., sent unto them with a peticion and a note contayning the substance of a controversie betwene one Robert Turke and William Perrye, merchantes of London, which they are required to examine with such proofes and witnesses as are to be produced to testifie the truethe on bothe sydes, and thereuppon to doe their best endevours to make some finall ende thereof according to justice and equitie, that their Lordships be no furder troubled therewithe.

8 Augusti, 1579, Grenwich. p. 573.

Two letters unto the Maiours of Chester and Lerpole to make furthwithe staye of soche shipps and barckes as be Reinforcements for Ireland.

presently there, or may herafter arrive, to be in a readines with their mariners and furniture to transport soche forces as her Majesty shall send into the Realme of Irland.

Order given to the Lord Hunsdon, Lord Governour of Barwick, to apoint three hundred soldiers of the garrison of Barwick to be sent into Irland, and to embarque either at Workington or Lerpole or Chester.

ix August, 1579.

Lord Chancelour.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Leycester.	Sir Henry Sidneye.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
	Both Mr. Secretaryes.

The defence of Ireland.

A letter unto William Gorge, esquire, willing him to putt him self in a redines to take the charg of one of her Majesties shipps nowe apointed to the seas, which wilbe ready to depart out of the river by the xiiijth of this present.

A letter unto the Mayour of Bristoll and other her Majesties officers there to make staye of soch shipping as either presently ys or herafter may repaire thither, for the transporting of soch soldiers as are apointed to [be] sent
p 574. thither out of the countyes of Dorsett and Somersett, to be conveyed from thence to Corck in Irland, and ther coming, that the said soldiers may be, during ther abood there, provided of lodging and vittells as hath ben hertofore accustomed.

Two letters unto the Erle of Bedford, Sheriffes and Justices of Peace in the countyes of Devon and Cornwall to send the vj^{c} men, apointed to [be] levyed in those shires for the service of Irland, fourthwith to Barstable, there to [be] embarqued for Corck in Irland, according to a minute remayning in the Chest.

Two letters of like tenure, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Sheriffes and Justices of Peace in the countyes of Dorsett and Somersett to send soche nombers of men as hertofore were apointed to be levyed in those shires for the service of Irland to Bristoll, there to be also embarcked for the said Realm. The defence of Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Maiour that wheras her Majesty is minded to send unto the seas certen of her Highnes' shippes under the conduct of Sir John Perrott, knight, he ys furthwith required to cause within the City the nomber of four hundred able men, with their caliberts and furniture, soche as the said Sir John or soch person as he shal depute shall like of, to be putt in a redines to be employed in the sayd voiage. p. 575.

A letter to William Pelham, esquire, and Lieutenant of her Majestyes Ordinance, that wheras her Majesty was resolved to send him into Irland for the assistance of the Lord Chancelour and Archbishopp of Dublin in the defense of the Englishe Pale, he shold furthwith putt him self in a redines and repaire hither, so as after his arrivall here within two dayes he might take his jorney towardes the said Realm.

A warrant to the Knight Marshall to receave George Winter into his custodye for that, being charged that his son, John Winter, might be furthcoming, he suffred him to escape.

A placart for John Vaughan, servant to the Lord President in Wales, to go down in post with his Lordship's letters for the putting in a redines of one thousand men, apointed to be levyed in that Principality and shires adjoyning for the service of Irland.

x August. p. 576.

Lord Chancelour.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlain.
Erle of Warwick.
Erle of Leycester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Tresorer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlayn.
Bothe Mr. Secretaryes.

The defence of Ireland.

A letter to Sir Henry Wallop, apointed Tresorer of her Majestyes Realme of Irland, that wheras her Majesty hath apointed the sum of ten thousand poundes to be delivered unto him for the service of Irland, according to soch direction as he shold receave from her Majestyes Privy Counsell here and Sir William Drury, knight, Lord Justice of Irland, forasmuch as her Majesty hath apointed one thousand soldiers to be levied in Wales and furthwith sent into that Realm and besides iij^{c} soldiers of the garrison of Barwicke, he ys required out of the said masse of tresure to pay one thousand poundes to soch person as shalbe apointed by the Lord Tresorer for the providing of a necessary masse of vittells and other charges for the sayd thousand men to be sent out of Wales, and besides unto Robert Bowes, esquire, Tresorer of Barwick, or his sufficient assigne, the sum of v^{c} and iiij^{xx} ^{li}, to be defrayed for an advancement of paye and for transportacion, and xiiij dayes vittells for the three hundred soldiers apointed to be sent out of Barwick.

p. 577. A letter to Sir William Drury, knight, Lord Justice of her Majestyes Realm of Irland, advertising him of the provisions here made for the suppressing of the late traiterous attemptes of James Fitzmorris, according to the minute remayning in the Councell Chest and with Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to the Lord Chancelour of Irland and Lord Archbishop of Dublin touching the same matters, according to the minute remayning as before.

A letter to the Baron of Delvin in Irland of thankes for his good and dutifull behaviour there, requiring him to continew so, and therof he may assure himself her Majesty and their Lordships will not be unmindfull.

A letter unto the Tresorer of Barwicke to pay unto Sir George Bowes, knight, apointed to take the charg of Barwick in the absence of the Lord Hunsdon, Governour, soch entertaynment as is dewe unto the Mareshall, and to

Nicholas Arrington xx^{d} per diem, according to the minute remayning in the Chest. The defence of Ireland.

A placart that wheras Thomas Howghe and Richard Sharpe have ben apointed to kepe a passinger barcke betwen the Holly Head in Wales and Irland, her Majestyes officers to be assisting unto them in taking up of mariners and provision of other thinges necessary for the furniture of the said barck and better maintenance of the said passage. p. 578.

A letter unto the Maiour and Aldermen of Chester, William Meo, the post lately apointed there, and other her Majesty's officers to whom it maye apertein, to take order with soch passengers as shalbe bound for Irland, that the men of the barck, or some other of the cumpany being meete, receave by bill endented the packettes which shalbe sent from hence, and deliver the same in Irland unto the Lord Chancelour if they conveniently may, or to the principall officer of some corporate town to be conveyed unto him, and to bring a certificate backe of the delivery of the same; and if any soch passingers shall refuse so [to] do, then they to make stay of his barck and committe the person refusing, without bayle or mainprise, untill her Majesties or the Lords' pleasure shalbe further known; and [if] any being so admonished shall contemptuously depart, then both to advertise their Lordships here and the Lord Justice or Chancelour of that Realm by the next that shall go over, that he may be ponished accordinglye.

A letter to the Sheriff of the county of Penbroke that where there remayn under his custody two Frenchmen, called the Teges, being charged with piracye, who as their Lordships are enformed are verey well acquainted with the coast of Irland; forasmuch as there ys some occasion to use in her Majesty's shippes their service, he ys required to send them by the first passenger to the Maiour of Waterford, that they may be taken there by her Majesty's shippes as they shall passe by.

p. 579. A letter to the Lord Scroop that where her Majesty hath given order for the sending of iiij^{c} soldiers of the garrison of Barwick into Irland, his Lordship shold cause convenient shipping to be stayed for their transportacion at Worckington, Ravenglasse and other places appon that coast, and further, according to a rate conteyned in a schedule enclosed, to cause a masse of vittells to be prepared for them, for the answering wherof Robert Bowes had receyved monny here, and wold see his Lordship answered the same accordingly, and therfore pray his Lordship that ther may be no default herof.

A placarde for post horses for Thomas Walthowe to the Sheriffe of the countye of Pembrooke, concerning the Teges.

xj° Augusti, 1579, Grenewiche.

Lord Admiral.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.
Mr. Comptroller.	

Piracy. A letter to the Judge of the Admiraltie to graunt unto certen gentlemen of the countie of Cornewall a Comission to proced unto the triall of certen pirates apprehended at Easte Lowe within that countie, the names of which gentlemen are contained in a cedule herein in closed, &c.

A letter unto the Lord Justice of Irelande that where ther were certen suggers spoyled and taken from diverse
p. 580. subjectes of the King of Spaigne within Milford Haven, in the province of Wales, by one Granger, a notoriouse pirate, by whom a good parte of the said suggers or a good parte thereof (*sic*) were by him brought into the Realm of Irelande and there disperced; he is therefore required uppon informacion to be delivered unto him by this berer where or by what personnes any parte of the said suggers have

ben broughte and received with in that Realme, and to take presente order that restitucion maie be made thereof, or the juste vallewe of so muche as shalbe proved to have com unto any of their handes, &c.

A lettter to the Lord Justice of Ireland recomending unto him one Andrewe Armestronge, unto whome in the tyme of the Deputieship of Sir Henry Sidney there was graunted an almes man's roome in the cittie of Dublin in consideracion of service by him don in that Realme in the which he hathe received diverse hurtes and maimes; he is therefore required to se the said Armestrong placed in a roome lately fallen voyde, which since the voidance thereof he coulde not be suffered to enjoye, &c. Almsmen in Dublin.

A letter to Sir Henry Walloppe, Threasurer of Ireland, that forasmuche as it is thought expedient that of the ten thousand poundes appointed by her Majestie to be conveyed for her presente service into Ireland, six thousand be embarqued at Bristoll to be landed at Waterford, for the more safe conveyeng whereof as also for the better assistance of the Lord Justice, being now in the Weste Partes of Irelande, it is thought mete that he accompany the same; and for the other foure thousand poundes after there shalbe deducted suche somes as are to be disburced by their Lordships' order here towardes the victualling and other charges of the souldiors to be levied in the province of Wales, he maie at suche other place as by him shalbe though mete, under the conducte of some trusty person, cause it to be shipped to be immediatly transported to Dublin, &c. Treasure for Ireland.

A letter to the President and Assistantes of the Merchantes trading Spaine and Portingale that they now intending to sende certaine shippes to Malaga to bring fruite and such other wares from thence, woulde consider of their Lordships' former letters advisinge them for their more safetie to goe together in companies; recommending also unto them Oliver Burre, commonlie called the coppersmithe, that bothe in this their voiage to Malaga and other their voyages here- p. 581. The Spanish Corporation.

after they would use and fraight before others so many of his shippes as will serve their tornes, he having a nomber of good shipps which, for want of emploiment, laye in his handes to his great charges and hinderance, and in respect that he hath sustained divers losses uppon the seas and offereth to serve their Companie after such rates as they have geven heretofore or any hereafter shall serve them for, being good shippes and belonging to the river of the Thames.

The defence of Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Irelande advertisinge his Lordship that their Lordships, for his better assistance in resisting the attemptes of James Fitzmoris, have geven order that a nomber of gentlemen who voluntarilie offer to serve her Majestie in this accion shalbe forthwith dispatched unto him, and cc light horsemen more out of the North Partes; and, further, Sir Henrie Harrington beinge presently to repaire into that Realme and offring within six dayes uppon his arrival to furnishe upp his band of 50 horsemen to the nomber of one c Englishe hable horsemen well appointed, so as uppon his landing he be entred into paie and have allowance for them as the other horsemen there have, he is required to enter his said horsemen into such paye as other there are, and to shewe the gentlemen in this and other matters suche favour as lawfullie he maye.

A letter to th'erle of Bedforde requiring his Lordship to geve order to the Justices of Peace or other officers for the laying of a boate in some convenient place of the West Countreye either at Ilfarcomb, Barnstable, Padstowe or some such other convenient place as his Lordship shall finde most expedient, and bestowing of the postes from Exceter thether for the speedie transportacion of suche postes and messengers as shall from time to time be dispatched from hence with letters to the Lord Justice in Irelande, &c.

p. 582. A letter to th'erle of Bedforde that wheras in their Lordships' former letters to his Lordship and the Sheriffes and Justices of Peace of Devon and Cornwall the men to

be sent into Irelande were appointed to repaire to Corke; forasmuch as it maye be that the winde will not serve so well to lande at Corke as at Waterforde, his Lordship is required to signifie unto the gentlemen that shall have the charge of conducting them thither, and the masters of the shippes appointed for their transportacion, that uppon (*sic*) then in suche case they should repaire to Waterforde, and there attende the Lord Justice' direccion, to whome their Lordships have signified so muche by their letters; and for the aunswering of the conducte or coate moneye it is meant, and their Lordships trust the Lord Threasurer hathe allreadie geven order, that the same shalbe paid unto such persones as the Sheriffes and Justices of Peace of the county shall appointe for the receipt of the same at Barstable by him which hathe the charge to provide their victualles for their transportacion.

Francis Tregian's mother.

A letter to th'erle of Bedforde with an inclosed Supplicacion on the behalf of Katherin Trugeon, mother to Francis Trugeon, latelie condemned in the case of *premunire*, pretending that Sir Georg Carie, knight, to whome her Majestie hath graunted the forfeiture of his landes and goodes, should deale somewhat hardlie with her, the mother, in the matter of her joynture which she claimethe by lawe and feoffment to be dewe unto her; his Lordship is required to examine the contentes of the said Supplicacion, and to take such order as his Lordship shall thincke agreable with lawe and conscience.

A letter to Sir George Carye that whereas by a Supplicacion exhibited on the behalf of Katherin Trugeon, mother to Francis Trugeon, latelie condemned in the *premunire*, it is enformed that under colour of her Majesties graunt latelie made unto him he goeth about to get into his handes her joynture, dewe unto her both by lawe and assured unto her by a feoffment made to her use in the time of Quene Marie; he is advertised that the further examinacion therof is referred to therle of Bedforde, and is required to followe such order as his Lordship shall take

betwene them, and to demande no more to the grevance of the widowe or tenantes then in right appertainethe unto him.

p. 583. The Irish reinforcements.

A letter to the Maiour of Bristoll that whereas in their Lordships' letters to the Sheriffes and Justices of Peace of the counties of Somerset and Dorset the souldiours to be embarqued in that citie for her Majesties service in Ireland were appointed to be transported to Corke in the said Realme, he is required to signifie unto the gentlemen that have the conducting of them thither, and the masters of the shippes appointed for their transportacion, that her Majesties pleasure is that if by occacion of winde or any cause that maie happen they shall not be hable to land so convenientlie at Cork as at Waterforde, that they repaire to Waterforde and there attende the Lord Justice' direccion, to whome so much is signified also by letters from their Lordships; he is also required to take such order for the lodging and victuallinge there of vj^{c} men appointed to be sent and embarqued there out of the counties of Gloucester, Worcester, Hereforde, Monmouthe and the shires of South Wales, and also for their transportacion to Cork or Waterforde as is appointed for those troopes out of Somerset and Dorsetshire.

A letter to the Lord President and Co[u]ncell in Wales for the leveyng of one thousand men in Wales for the service in Ireland, whereof 600 to be shipped at Bristoll and 400 at Chester, according to the minute remayning in the Chest.

xij^{o} Augusti, 1579.

Lord Chancelour.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Sir Henry Sidneye.
Erle of Warwick.	Both Mr. Secretaryes.

Victualling arrangements.

p. 584.

A letter to Sir Henry Wallop, Tresorer of Irland, to pay to Edward Bash, Generall Surveyour of the Vittells of her Majesty's Navye, the sum of ij^{c} and iiij^{xx} poundes for two month vittells for ij^{c} soldiers to be shipped from London

for Irland after the rate vj^{d} *per diem*, and also the sum of lx^{li} for the hire of a shipp to transport the said vittells out of the river of the Themes.

A letter unto the Erle of Bedford that the soldiers apointed to repare out of Devon and Cornwall to Barstable may be vittelled for three pence a meale, with a *post script* to apoint two gentlemen to have a care to the keping of good rule, according to a minute remayning in the Chest.

A letter to the same effect to the Maiour of Bristoll for the 400 men out of Somersetshire and Dorsettshire and the 600 apointed to go out South Wales.

A letter to the Maiour of Chichester and Henrie Marvin touching the receipt of his letter and thexaminacions taken of sixteen persones suspected to have committed piracie uppon the seas, requiring him to set the rest at liberty and to examine Peter Starre uppon certaine interrogatories which the bearer herof shall deliver unto him, and the same examinacions to sende upp to their Lordships, taking order in the meane time for his forthcominge to aunswer to lawe till he shall receave further order from their Lordships. Piracy.

A placarte for th'apprehencion of one Granger, a pirate, and his complices, having spoiled a certaine shippe laden with sugers and other merchandises, and for recoverie of xxxvj chestes of suger, parcell of the said goodes and come to the possession of divers her Majesties subjectes, according to a processe out of the Court of the Admiraltie to that purpose.

A letter to George Trencharde, Christofer ——————, Robert Troblabill or any two of them, wherof Mr. Trencharde to be one, to examine certaine persones latelie committed to the gaole of Dorchester, charged to have spoiled a certain Spanish shippe, &c., uppon such interrogatories as the bearer herof shall deliver unto them, and the same examinacions to send unto their Lordships, and that in the meane time they be safelie kept untill suche time as they shall receave further order from their Lordships. p. 585.

A letter to the Lord Cobham with a Supplicacion inclosed concerning a spoile pretended to have ben committed by an

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Englishe man and shippe, called the Grene Dragon, which are said to be presentlie at Feversham, requiring his Lordship that the master and owners of the said barke maye be examined touching the said spoile, and thereuppon to cause the barke to be stayed (if his Lordship shall see cause) and goode bandes and suerties taken of the parties for their forthcoming to aunswer to lawe, and of his doings to advertise their Lordships.

A surgeon for Ireland.

A letter unto the Lord Justice recomending unto him William Kelly, chirurgeon, desiring his Lordship to allowe him either out of the ordinary garrisons or such others as shall hereafter be sent unto that Realme the summe of ij^{s} sterling by the day, and the same to be contynued unto him untill their Lordships shall move her Majestie to have some better consideracion of him in respecte of his service.

Treasure for Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Chancellor of Ireland to see that Sir Henry Walloppe, knight, repairing into that Realme to take the place of the Threasurer there, be provided of some convenient roome within the Castell of Dublin for the bestowing of her Majesties treasure, which presentelie he bringethe with him for her Highnes' service ther.

The Queen's Bench Prison.

A letter unto the Mareschall of her Majesties Benche to have regarde that William Smeadley, remayning prisoner under his charge, doe not abuse anie liberties to be graunted unto him in the prison, but rather that he be kept close prisoner untill their pleasures be furder knowen.

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xiij^{o} Augusti, 1579.

Lord Chancelour.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admiral.	The Lord President of Wales.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The Ordnance Office.

A warrant to the Lord of Warwick to deliver unto Sir John Perrot, knighte, towardes the armyng of a pinace to attend on her Majesties shippes presentlie repairing into the

Realme of Irlande, two sacres of brasse and foure halfe barrells of powder, whereof two to be of cornepowder and the other two of serpentin.

A letter to the Lord President of Yeorke to deliver unto William Norreys, esquire, and Sir William Morgan, knight, two hundred light horsemen to be conducted under their charges, eiche of them having one hundred, for her Majesties service into the Realme of Irelande, according to a minute either in the Councell Chest or with Mr. Secretary Walsingham. Northern horse for Ireland.

A letter to Sir Henry Wallop, knight, Tresorer of her Majesty's Realm of Irland, to pay by way of inprest unto Mr. Pelham and certen other gentilmen apointed to repair into Irland certen summes of monnye, according to a mynute remayning in the Chest. The Irish Treasury.

An other letter to Sir Henry Wallop, knight, Threasurer of her Majesties Realme of Irelande, requiring him to deliver out of the ten thousand poundes by him receaved by her Majesties warrant under the Privie Seal, j$^{ml\ li}$ to be delivered unto such person as shalbe appointed by the Lord Threasurer or Mr. Secretary Walsingham to have the charge of the provicion of victualls and transportacion for the m^{l} men to be levied in the Principalitie of Wales, and to Robert Bowes, Threasurer of Barwicke, v^{c} and iiij$^{xx\ li}$ for an advauncement of paie and transportacion and victualls to be made at Workington for the ccc soldiours of the garrison of Barwicke appointed to be sent into Irelande, and for that the said treasure was delivered unto him out of her Majesties Exchequier in silver money, which will not without great charge be conveyed to the places where the said provicions are to be made, he maye for more commodious portage exchange the said somme of xv^{c}iiij$^{xx\ li}$ into golde, allowing and deducting unto him self a pennye in the pounde for th'exchange as the same will stande him in there, which shalbe allowed unto him uppon his accomptes.

A letter to th'erle of Bedforde, the Sheriffe and Justices of Peace in the countie of Devon, in recommendacion of p. 587. Western levies.

George Bancer, esquiour, one of her Majesties servauntes, to deliver unto him cc of the souldiours appointed to be levyed in that countie, with their coate and conducte moneye, to be under his charge and leading transported into Irelande, uppon bill indented betwen the Sheriff or Justices of Peace that shall mak deliverie of the said men, and the said George specifying the names and maner of the furniture of the said cc men, and the same to sende unto their Lordships, which coate and conducte moneye of the said cc men shalbe repaid at Barstable by him which hathe the charge of the provicion of their victualls, &c., unto such person as they shall appoint for the receipt of the same.

Privileges of Royal servants.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of the Citie of London touching a matter in controversie betwene William Schetz and one Lyne, a citizen and freeman of the Citie, and heretofore referred to Sir Rowland Heywarde and Mr. Recorder, from whom the certificates inclosed being retorned unto their Lordships [it] appereth that the said Lyne refuseth to stande to the order thought meete to be taken betwene them, prosecuting his suite by lawe against the said Schetz and his sonne, being one of her Majesties servauntes; his Lordship is required to call both parties before him, and with th'assistance of the said Sir Rowland and Mr. Recorder to mak such finall ende betwene them as they shall thincke meete, and to command the said Line to appere before their Lordships in case he shall refuse to condescende therto, and in the meane that the said Line forbeare to prosecute any suite of lawe against the said Schetz or his sonne untill he shall understande their Lordships' further pleasure.

p. 588.

xiiijth of Auguste, 1579.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to the Lord Justice recomending unto him Roberte Weste, gentleman, to have some place of charge under him in this presente service of Irelande. Service in Ireland.

A letter to Mr. Stokes signifieng that their Lordships have received his letter of the v^th^ of this presente, and do understand thereby that since their Lordships' letters written to the Lord Zouche and others, concerning their proceading with such as had unlawfully hunted in her Majesties greate Parke of Brigstoke, a deare hathe been killed and the hed thereof set upon a stile of the Parke going into Symon Montagues grounde, whereupon he writeth (unles their Lordships' order be knowen to the contrarye) he will use suche lawfull meanes to defende her Majesties Parkes by force as in that case appertaineth, but also to followe the course of the Common Lawes againste those that rest indicted for their former hunting; and therfore do let him understande that of his proceading againste the personnes indicted their Lordships do verie well allowe, especially upon consideracion of this laste attempte, and wilbe ready bothe therein and otherwise in his orderly dealinges in theise matters concerning her Majesties service to yelde him there best assistaunce as far fourthe as possibly they maye. Brigstock Park.

A letter to Mr. Justice Southcote that uppon the humble sute of Mistress Trugeon, wief to Francys Trugeon lately condemned in the *premunire* in the county of Cornwall, that he might from thence be removed, he shold graunt a writt of *habeas corpus* for the removing of him unto the prison of her Majesties Benche, there to remayn under the Mareshall's custody untill it shall please her Highnes to dispose otherwise of him. Francis Tregian.

A letter to the Maiour of Bristoll requiring him to see Sir Henry Wallop, Threasurer of her Majesties Realme of Ireland, presentlye repairinge thither, provided of convenient shipping, well manned and furnished with ordinance, for the safe conveying of the treasure which he carieth with him for her Majesties service in the said Realme: thancking the said p. 589. The transport of treasure to Ireland.

Maiour for his and his brethren's assistance of Blande the victualler, as in other her Majesties late services concerning these matters, wherof her Majestie will not be unmindfull towardes them as occasion shall serve.

* 15 *Augusti.* Delivered to John Dudley, servant to the Lord Stafford, that brought his letter unto their Lordships.

A letter to Edwarde Leighton, William Leighton and Hierome Corbet, esquiours and Justices of Peace in the county of Salopp, with the copie of a complainte heretofore exhibited unto their Lordships by John Corbet and Thomas Couper of Caux, in the countie of Salop, yeomen, against the Lord Stafforde, wherunto the said Lord Stafforde havinge retorned an aunswer, the copie wherof is herwith sent unto them, by which it semeth they have made untrewe complaintes of the said Lord Stafforde, they are required, or any two of them, to call the said Corbet and Couper before them to understand how they can justify their said complaint, and to enforme them selves from the said Lord Stafforde what he can alledge for his excuse to the contrarie, and examining the witnesses to be produced on bothe partes, to advertise their Lordships with all expedicion they may what they shall find, to thintent that theruppon their Lordships maie take further order therin according to lawe and justice.

p. 590. Grenwich, *xv Augusti*, 1579.

Present :—

Lord Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlain.
Sir Henry Sidney.
Both Mr. Secretaryes.

Lord Ormonde sent to Ireland.

A placart for the Erle of Ormond for post horses, cartes, cariages and shipping of him self, his servantes, horses, geldinges and other necessaryes into Irland.

A placart to take up six artificers of handy craft cume to serve his Lordship, &c.

Other Irish matters.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Irland sent with Mr. Pelham, according to the minute in the Chest.

* Original marginal note.

A letter sent by him to the Lord Chancelour and Archbishop of Dublin, according to an other minute remayning in the Chest.

A placard for post horses, cariages and shipping for the said Mr. Pelham.

A letter unto the Erle of Warwick, Master of her Majesties Ordinance, to deliver unto William Lomberd, sent from the city of Waterford in Ireland, a certen proportion of munition, according to a minute remayning in the Chest. p. 591.

A letter unto the Erle of Bedford, Sheriff and Justices of Peace in the county of Devon, in comendacion of Peter Carewe, that he may have the leading and conducting of 100 men out of Devon into Irland.

A letter to the Bailiffes of Yarmouthe with an inclosed peticion exhibited unto their Lordships by Henrie Marre, complaining that one William Crowe, an inhabitaunt of the towne, having arrested a hulke of his without just cause, the said complainant could not be suffred to have an attorney to aunswer in the Courte, and sithence the said hulke is said to be sunke and broken and the furniture dispersed into sondrie men's handes; they are required to examine the trothe of the said cause, and to make some frendlie ende betwene them with consent of the parties, or els to advertise their Lordships of their doinges that further order maie be taken by their Lordships accordinglie. A complaint from Yarmouth.

Grenwich, *xvj^to Augusti*, 1579. p. 592.

Present:—

Lord Chauncelor.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Erle of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Leycester.	Both Mr. Secretaries.

The defence of Ireland.

Instructions given to Sir John Perrott, knight, apointed as Admirall of her Majesties shippes sett to the seas, according to the minute in the Chest.

Three placartes delyvered unto him for sending of his men or letters, according to the minute.

A letter to th'erle of Bedforde in the recommendacion of George Carewe, to have the leadinge and conducting of c men appointed to be levied for the service in Ireland, &c.

A letter to the said Erle thancking him and the rest of the Justices of Peace in the counties of Devon and Cornewall for the great paines and diligence which they have taken in the settinge forwarde of the souldiours for the service of Irelande, and albeit their Lordships by their speciall letters have recommended certaine gentlemen to have the conducting of some parte of the said men, yet, nevertheless, if they shall not come in time, that then his Lordship and the rest would geve order that with the firste winde and weather that maye commodiouslie serve the torne they maie be transported over under the charge of suche as have ben appointed by the countreye to have the leadinge and carying them over unto the Lord Justice, &c.

p. 593. A letter of thanckes unto the Sheriff and Justices of Peace in the countie of Somerset for the speede and diligence which they have used in the settinge forwarde of the men appointed to be levied in that shire for the service of Irland.

The Treasurer of the Navy.

A letter to John Hawkins, Threasurer of her Majesties Navye, that where there Lordships thincke meete to have the summe of v$^{c li}$ sent in the shipps with Sir John Perrot, knight, for the supplyinge of the necessarie wantes of the shippes and souldiours, he is required out of suche proportion of treasure as he hath allreadie receaved for the furniture and setting forthe of the said shippes to send the said summe of v$^{c li}$ by some suche person as he shall thincke meete, to be by him disbursed as Sir John Perrott,

Admirall of the Fleete, shall appointe him, whose quittances, together with their Lordships' letters, shalbe his sufficient discharge.

A letter to the Sheriffe of the countie of Cornewall and keper of the gaole of Launceston in the said countie that wheras their Lordships, at the sute of Mistress Trugeon, for certaine good consideracions have geven order that by a writte of *habeas corpus* he should be removed into some prison in these partes, forasmuch as the said writte is now according to the ordinarie [course] of lawe directed unto them, they are required to followe the same accordinglie. Francis Tregian.

A letter of thanckes unto the Maiour and his brethren of the city of Waterforde, in the Realme of Irelande, for their greate diligence and care in sendinge over such packettes as have been addressed hither from the Lord Justice of that Realme, and that their Lordships will not be unmindfull therof as cause shall require. p. 594. Letter of thanks.

A letter unto the Lord Maiour of the Citie of London thancking him for the paines which they of the Citie have taken in the levyinge and furnishinge of the cccc men appointed to goe with the shippes, and signifyinge unto him that their Lordships have geven order to Sir Henrie Wallopp, knight, Threasurer of the Realme of Irelande, to paie one c^{li} unto him for the coat moneye of the said cccc souldiours. London levies for Ireland.

A letter to Sir Henry Wallopp to paie to the said Lord Maiour the said c^{li}.

A letter to the said Sir Henrie, &c., to paie to one appointed by the citie of Dublin the summe of cc^{li} for so muche lent by them unto the Lord Justice, according to the minute remaining in the Counsell Chest. A loan raised in Dublin.

Another letter to the said Sir Henrie with those summes which shall have ben all readie paid by him by vertue of their Lordships' warrantes, to leave the sume of iiij^{m} ^{li} of suche treasure as he hath receaved for her Majesties p. 595.

service in that Realme to be defraied as the Lord Threasurer shall appointe, &c.

Two escorts.

A letter unto the Lord Justice of Irelande that wheras Sir Henrie Wallopp, knight, Threasurer of that Realme, and Jacques Wingfielde, Master of the Ordinance, are appointed to repaire unto him, forasmuch as it is likelie that for the execucion of their offices they shalbe forced to followe the said Lord Justice whether he shall have occasion to goe, and their Lordships are enformed that suche principall officers in like hostinges have had certaine bandes assigned unto them, he is required of such companies as shalbe sent him out of Englande to assigne unto eche of them the nomber of c souldiours, unles he shal see some other cause for her Majesties speciall service to the contrarie, and the same bandes to continewe under them so longe as he shall see cause, keeping watche and warde as other bandes doe.

Sir J. Throgmorton's disgrace.

A letter to Sir John Throckmorton, knight, that wheras their Lordships by their former letters unto him did require him to depute Mr. William Leighton to exercise his office of Justiceshippe in Wales, &c., joyntlie with Mr. Townesende duringe the said Sir John's sequestracion, forasmuch as their Lordships are enformed that the said Mr. Leighton, by reason of sicknes, cannot supplie that rome, he is willed to make the like deputacion unto Mr. Simon Thelwell under his hande and seale, and to sende the same unto the Lord Chauncelour.

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A letter to the said Simon Thelwell to accept the same deputacion, and to exercise the office joyntlie with Mr. Townesende accordinglie.

A Northern dispute.

Two letters, the one to the Lord Scroope, Lord Warden of the West Marches, and the other to William Musgrave, esquiour, concerning some lande in controversie betwene the said Musgrave and Christopher Dacres, esquiour, according to the minutes remaininge in the Cheste.

Grenwich, *xvij° Augusti*, 1579.

Present:—

Lord Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Lord Hunsdon
Mr. Comptroller.
Both Mr. Secretaryes.

Preparations at Chester.

A letter unto the Maiour of Chester, Sir John Savage, Sir Hughe Chomley, Sir Laurence Smithe, knightes, and William Glasier, esquiour, touching the lodginge, victuallinge and transportinge of the souldiours that should repaire thither for the service of Irelande and for keping of good order amonge them duringe their aboade there.

Sir J. Perrot's squadron.

Two letters, th'one to th'erle of Warwicke, Master of the Ordinance, &c., th'other to th'officers of the Navye, to deliver certaine furniture for the settinge forthe of a certaine pinace belonginge to Henrie Sackforde, and appointed to goe with Sir John Perrott, the particulars of which furniture are in two severall notes in the Counsell Chest, and wherof they are willed to take a note under the said Sackforde's hande both of the receipte and for the redeliverie of the same.

p. 597.

A loan repaid.

A letter to Sir Henrie Wallopp, knight, Threasurer of Irelande, that wheras their Lordships were enformed that by order of the Lord Justice of Ireland ——— Fitton had receaved the summe of cc^{li} sterling of Henry Finche, he should of such treasure as remainethe in his handes paie unto the said Finche the said cc^{li} sterling, and this their letter and Mr. Fitton's bill of receipt and Finche's acquittaunce should be his sufficient warrant, &c.

Lead for Ireland.

A letter unto the Maiour of Bristowe that wheras it is thought convenient for her Majesty's service that besides the two fothers of leade which their Lordships, by their former letters willed him to provide, thre fothers more should be had for her Majesty's service in Irelande, he is willed forthwith to make provicion of the said iij fothers, and to deliver the same unto John Eston, latelie sent thither with

certaine municion, if he be not allreadie departed; and if he be gone, then to sende the same by the next shippe to the Maiour of Waterforde, there to be kept for her Majesties service as the Lord Justice shall appointe; and uppon the said Maiour of Bristoll's letter unto their Lordships what the same shall have cost, their Lordships will geve order that the money shalbe repaid to such persons as he shall appointe.

Soldiers from Berwick.

A Commission for taking upp of cariages for the souldiours of Barwicke that are appointed to repaire to Workington and so into Irelande for her Majesties service in that Realme.

Lord Cobham's brother.

A letter to the Lord Justice in recommendacion of Edward Cobham, brother to the Lord Cobham, to be placed in some room among the bandes as he shall thincke meete, in respect of his house and experience of the gentilman in former services.

p. 598. Greenwich, *xviij° Augusti*, 1579.

Signed by the :—

Lord Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Ordnance stores for Ireland.

A letter to th'erle of Warwicke, Master of her Majesties Ordinance, to cause another supplie of munition for the Realme of Irelande, the particulars wherof are contained in a schedule remaininge with Mr. Secretarie Walsingham; and his Lordship is further required to geve order unto the officers to provide some convenient shipping for the bestowinge of the same under the charge of some trustie and honest master, who maye, with as muche expedicion as maie be, repaire to Sir John Perrott and the rest of the shippes, and kepe companie with them untill they shall come uppon the coast of Irelande, and then either repaire to Cork or Waterforde and make deliverie of the said munition to such persones as the Lord Justice shall ap-

pointe for the recept of the same, &c.; with a *postscript* that one of Jacques Wingfieldes is appointed to goe in the said shippe with the munition, for the better looking unto it, &c., according to a minute in the Counsell Chest.

A letter to Sir John Perrott, knight, Admirall of her Majesties shippes latelie sett unto the seas, signyfiynge so muche touching the sendinge of the said shippe with munition, and requiringe him to take order that she maie saile with the rest in companie under his charge untill they shall come uppon the coast of Ireland, and then to see the same wafted so as she maie safelie repaire to the cities of Waterforde or Corke, there to deliver over the said munition unto suche person as shalbe appointed by the Lord Justice, or unto the Maiours in their absence. p. 599.

A letter to the Lord Justice of the Realme of Irelande signifyinge the sendinge of the said munition unto him, with a note of the parcelles inclosed, and further that v last of the proportion of powder conteyned in the said scedule should be sent by lande by the waye of Chester for Dublin, requiringe his Lordship to geve order at Corke or Waterforde for the receipt and bestowinge of the same; a *postscript* that sithe the writinge of the letter it was thought good to sende therwith a man of Jacques Wingfieldes to take the charge of it.

A letter to Mr. William Glasier of Chester, to provide iij fother of leade more to be delivered to Jacques Wingfelde, Master of the Ordinance in Irelande, or to suche person as he shoulde appointe, and uppon his letters advertisinge what the same shall cost, there shalbe order geven for the repaiment of his moneye. Lead for Ireland.

xix° Augusti, 1579.

Signed by the:—

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Hunsdon.	Both Mr. Secretaries.

The purchase of provisions.

A letter unto th'erle of Worcester, Sheriffe and Justices of Peace in the countie of Monmouth that wheras their Lordships were enformed that sithe the repaire of John Blande into those partes for the making of certaine provicions for the service of the Realme of Irelande, that by the covetousnes of some ill disposed people the prices have ben enhaunsed, forasmuch as their Lordships, considering
p. 600. the great store remaininge of the last yere and the seasonablenes of the time of the harvest, seing no cause why graine and other victualls should be sold dearer then they were the first daie of this present monethe, his Lordship and the Justices are required to assemble them selves and to take order with the constables and other inferior officers that the said Blande maie be provided of suche a quantitie of graine and victualls in the said countrie as he shall have neade of at such prices as the same were solde in the open markettes at the beginninge of this monethe; and to be further assistinge unto the said Blande for the furnishing of cariages and other necessaries which he shall have neade of and require for his readie moneye.

Two letters of the like tenure to the same effect unto the Sheriffes and Justices of Peace in the counties of Somerset and Gloucester.

An open placarte of the same tenure to be used in the countie of Glamorgan and other shires, as the said Blande shall see cause.

Gunpowder from Hamburg.

An open letter to the Governour, Assistantes and Companie of the Merchantes Adventurers that notwithstanding the order made by their Lordships, or anie other decree made by the said Companie for the forbearing of trafficque at Hamburg, Henrie Dale maie be licenced to bring from these partes gonne powder and salt peter, according to a minute remaining in the Chest.

A disputed claim.

A letter to th'erle of Surreye that whereas a certaine shippe belonginge to Scottishe merchantes and laden with wines being taken by pirates was afterwardes by them

forsaken and cast uppon the coast of Sussex, and a certaine quantite of the wines saved and sold for lxv^{li}, wherunto his Lordship and the Lord Buckhurst laide claime, pretending the same to be a weft, forasmuch as it is enformed unto their Lordships from the Judge of the Admiraltie that in marine matters no such claime of weft hathe ben made or put in execucion sith the time of his office, and further that her Majestie maye challenge as muche interest therin as his Lordship or anie other, seing the Lord Buckhurst is contented (as it is enformed unto their Lordships) to remit his parte of the said money, his Lordship is desired that such parte of the moneye as is in his Lordship's or his officer's handes, together with the Lord Buckhurstes, maye be restored uppon an acquittaunce of Mr. Adam Fullerton, Agent here for such causes of the Scottishe Nacion. p. 601.

xx August, 1579.

Lord Chancelour.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
	Both Mr. Secretaryes.

A letter to the Lord Maiour touching a collection to be made among the merchantes trading the East Countryes for the answering of one of the King of Denmarkes subjectes, according to a minute therof remayning in the Councell Chest. Danish claims.

A letter to the Bailiffe of Conweye in Wales to be aiding and assisting unto Mr. Glasier, appointed to make a Staple of victualles at Chester for her Majesties service in Irelande, in providing of butter, chese and such necessarie provicions as he shall have neade of for reasonable prices at the Faire appointed to be holden in the said towne the xxiiijth daie of this present. p. 602. The stores at Chester.

Thre open placartes sent to the said Mr. Glasier to all Maiours, Justices of Peace, &c., in the makinge of the said provicions at prices reasonable.

Grenwich, *xxj° Augusti*, 1579.

The presence as before.

A disputed lease.

A letter to Sir George Bowes, knight, with a Supplication inclosed exhibited unto their Lordships by one John Palmer touching the possession of the Parke of Thringarthe, wherof the said Palmer complainethe to have ben dispossessed notwithstanding a lease made by the late Lord Marques of Northampton unto his father, &c., according to the minute remayninge in the Chest.

The transport of ammunition to Ireland.

A letter to Mr. Bashe that wheras it is thought convenient that a pinnace belonging unto Henrie Sackforde should be sent to the seas after Sir John Perrot, forasmuch as their Lordships were given to understande that the same was to be manned with xxx^tie^ persones, he should
p. 603. deliver so muche victualles according to the rates of her Majesties shippes as might suffice the said xxx persons for so long a time as the other shippes sent before were victualled for, which said proportion of victualls was to be deducted out of the seconde revictualling which he is to sende from Bristoll, for that it was not meant that by the setting forthe of the said pinnace her Majestie should be put to further charge, but a deduction made out of the other shippes for the victualling and manninge of the said pinnace.

An open placarte signifiinge how under the charge of Luke Warde, gentleman, the said pinnace is appointed to repaire to Sir John Perrot, and in case by tempest they shalbe driven into anie of her Majesties portes or harbours, to be aiding and assisting unto him in the provicion of such victualls and other thinges as he shall have neade of.

An open letter unto the Companie of the Merchantes Adventurers declaring how, notwithstanding their Lordships' former order for the restrainte of trafficque at Hamburg, they thincke meete that Christopher Hoddesdon and Henrie Dale should be licenced to bring salt peter and gonne powder from thence, &c., according to a minute remaininge in the Chest. Gunpowder from Hamburg.

xxij° Augusti, 1579.

Signed by:—

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Both Mr. Secretaries.
Lord Hunsdon.	

A letter to Mr. Secretarie Wilson to receve into his custodie the person of one Francis Bruning, and to see him safelie kept without having conference with anie untill he should receave their Lordships' further order. A suspected person.

A letter to Mr. Doctour Gibbons, Deputie to the Judge of the Admiraltie, that wheras uppon the sight of a bill signed by her Majestie one Legate condemned for piracies was reprived, forasmuch as her Majestie hathe ben sithe truelie enformed of suche offences as he had committed, her pleasure was that, notwithstandinge the said bill signed, th'execucion should proceade according to lawe. p. 644. Execution of a pirate.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of the Citie of London that where their Lordships were enformed that the sicknes of the Plague (wherof, God be thancked, the Citie was now well cleere) was at this present verie great in the cities of Norwiche, Salisburie and towne of Yarmouthe, th'inhabitauntes of which places beinge suffred to repaire unto the Faire might infecte the Citie, he shall cause good enquirie to be made where the cariers and others which heretofore have used to come from those places were accustomed to lodge, and theruppon to geve straight order The Plague in the provinces.

that neither the persones be suffred to repaire to the said Faire nor such wares as they have brought to the Citie uttred.

A letter to Sir Christofer Heydon and Sir William Buttes, knightes, that for this time by reason of th'infeccion of the plague which is in Yarmouthe the fishermen of the coast doe not repaire thither with their herringes, according to a minute in the Counsell Chest.

The Irish Master of the Ordnance.

A Commission for viij post horses for Jacques Wingfelde for the cariage of munition into Irelande.

p. 605. Grenwich, *xxiiij° Augusti*, 1579.

Present:—

Lord Chauncelor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Leycester.	Both Mr. Secretaries.
Lord Hunsdon.	

A family quarrel.

A letter to the Justices of Assises in the countie of Dorset that wheras their Lordships were given to understande that there was some unkindnes and controversie betwene the Lord Vicount Howarde of Bindon and Henrie Howarde, his sonne, which their Lordships were verie desirous to have compounded in frendlie sorte, and the said Henrie had requested their Lordships' letters that the same might be done by them, they are required at the next Assises to call them before them and to ende the matter if they can, or els to advertise their opinion and in whome the default is.

A Purveyor's privileges.

A letter to the Sheriffe and Justices of Peace in the countye of Sussex to suffer Christofer Heynes, Purveyor of the seafishe, to transporte v^c^ quarters of wheate.

Victualling the Irish squadron.

A letter to Mr. Bashe for a seconde revictualling of her Majesties shippes to be sent from Bristowe to Corke or Waterforde in the Realme of Irelande, according to the minute remaining in the Chest.

xxvj° Augusti, 1579. p. 606.

Present :—

Lord Chauncelor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.
Lord Hunsdon.	

Instructions to Lord Bedford.

A letter unto th'erle of Bedforde in aunswer of his and signyfyinge certaine other thinges which their Lordships thincke meete to be done in those counties of Devon and Cornewall, according to a minute remaininge in the Counsell Chest.

Pirates in the Severn.

A letter to the said Erle that wheras their Lordships are enformed that sondrie pirates are within the river of Severne, his Lordship would geve order that if they shall arrive uppon the coast of Devonshire and Cornewall they maie be apprehended, &c., according to a minute remaining in the Chest.

A letter to Sir John Perrot, knight, that if there shalbe anie occacion offred by reason of lacke of winde or otherwise that he maie staye about the Cape of Cornewall or the Silleyes, he would sende one of the smallest barkes now under his charg to skoure the said river and apprehende the pirates, &c.

Two letters unto the Sheriffes and Justices of Peace in the counties of Carmarthen and Glamorgan to like effect as the former to th'erle of Bedforde, to have a care to apprehende the said pirates when they shall come on lande for freshe water or other necessaries, and uppon conference p. 607. among them selves and the Justices of the Shires adjoyning to see the said disorders redressed.

Irish matters.

A letter to the Lord Chauncelour of Irelande signyfying how he is to deale with Tirloghe Lenoghe, according to a minute remaininge in the Counsell Chest.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Irelande signyfying unto him what their Lordships have written unto the Lord

Chauncelour for his proceadinges with Tirloghe Lenoghe, and what course their Lordships thinck convenient that he should take for her Majesties service in Mounster, according to a minute remayning in the Chest.

A letter to the said Lord Justice and Sir Henrie Wallop &c., sending unto him inclosed the copie of a letter sent unto their Lordships from the Maiour and citie of Waterforde, and also a copie of a procuracion made unto one William Lumbard, their factour, for the demaundinge of certaine ordinances and munition here, which hath ben graunted and delivered unto him as should appeare in a schedule sent herewith; and forasmuch as by an indenture also inclosed the said William Lumbarde hath by vertue of his procuracion promised that the money shalbe repaid after the rates specified in the said schedule, they are required to demaunde the said money, and the Threasurer to charg him self therewith uppon his accompt.

Victualling the Fleet. A letter to the Lord Threasurer to deliver viij^{c}xxv^{li} to Mr. Bashe for a second revictualling appointed to be made for her Majesties shipps at Bristowe, according to the minute remaining in the Chest.

p. 608. Lead from Bristol. A letter to the Lord Threasurer that wheras their Lordships were advertised by letters from the Maiour of Bristowe that they had bought v fothers of leade, which was delivered unto John Easton, sent with the munition into the Realme of Irelande, which cost the said Maiour xlvij^{li} x^{s}, his Lordship should geve order that of such money as remainethe in his handes, and hath ben appointed for that service, he should paye unto the bearer herof the said summe of xlvij^{li} x^{s}.

An ecclesiastical prisoner. A letter unto the Bishop of London, with an inclosed Supplicacion of one Thomas Cheney, requiringe him to advertise their Lordships what is the cause of the said Cheneyes imprisonment, and why he hathe geven order that he be not bailed.

The Fens. A letter to the Lord Clinton, Lord Chief Justice and other Commissioners of the Sewers in the countie of Lincoln touch-

ing the overcharging of the towne of Crofte with taxes for repairinge of the bankes, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

A letter to the Maiour of Bristowe of thanckes for the favour which they have shewed unto John Blande, appointed to make a provicion of victualls in that citie; and forasmuch as Mr. Bashe was appointed to make a seconde revictuallinge for her Majesties shippes there, they should be aidinge and assistinge unto the person whome he should sende thether for that purpose, at prices reasonable and such as the same were solde for in the open markettes at the beginning of this monethe, which their Lordships thought they might well doe, considering the store remaining of the last yere, the season of this harvest, and that the partie is to paie readie moneye. The ships at Bristol. p. 609.

A letter to Richard Lovelace, esquiour, that where one William Davyes, heretofore appointed to kepe the post at Maydenheade, is repaired hither and hath enformed their Lordships that he is not hable to continewe that charge, he is willed to assemble them of the towne and to take order how by common consent the burthen maie be borne and her Majestie served, which, considering the smallnes of the charge amonge so manie and that the said postes are (as it is hoped) not to continewe long, and further be paid at her Majesties handes, their Lordships trust that they of the said towne will make no difficultie in the matter, and herewith, with as muche expedicion as he convenientlie maye, to advertise their Lordships what he shall have done. The Post at Maidenhead.

A letter to the Lord Bishop of Norwiche signyfying unto him how uppon sondrie peticions here exhibited that certaine persones heretofore committed to the gaole of Burie might, in consideracion that the Plague is now in the said towne, be removed into some other place, their Lordships have thought good to signifie unto him one order for them all, that is for the time of the said infeccion in Bury they should be either removed unto the prison of Ipswiche, if The Plague in East Anglia. p. 610.

his Lordship thought convenient, or els committed as prisoners unto the charge of the Sheriffe of that countie, uppon bandes and suerties to remaine and behave them selves as trewe prisoners, and to retorne unto the said prison at Burie at suche time as his Lordship should see that no such danger of infeccion were as is now pretended; which order their Lordships thincke meete aswell to be taken with them which are yet remaining in prison, as also with Everode Hare and others, which uppon their Lordships' letter or otherwise have ben released out of the said prison, unless in the meane time they shalbe contented to conforme them selves according to her Majesties lawes.

A Northern quarrel.

A letter to the Lord Scroope touching a controversie betwene Christofer Dacres, William and John Musgraves, according to the mynute remaining in the Councell Cheste.

p. 611. *xxvij Augusti.*

Signed by some of the Lordes.

The East Anglian recusants.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwiche, in consideracion of the Plague which ys reported to be in the town of Burye, to committ Henry Drurye and ——— Sulliard, heretofore committed to that place prisoners for matters of Religion, to the charge and custody of some honest gentilman, according to the minute remayning in the Chest.

A like procured unto the Sheriff of Suffolk for the release of one John Danyell.

Coat and conduct money.

A letter unto the Maior of Bristoll to allowe unto eche soldier that shall arrive there to be transported over into Irland iiij^{s} for his coate monnye, and one half-penny for every mile from the place from which he cometh, as conduct monnye.

p. 612. *xxx Augusti*, 1579, at Wansteede.

Irish preparations suspended.

Letters sent unto the Erle of Bedforde, Maiors of Chester, Bristoll, Erle of Huntingdon, Lord Scroope, to staye the pre-

paracion apointed for Ireland untill soch time as they shold understand her Majesties farther pleasure.

The like letters sent to Sir John Perrott to Portesmouth, and to Sir Henry Ratcliff to deliver them.

xxxj Augusti, at Wansteede.

Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erl of Leycester.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Vicechamberleyn.
	Both Mr. Secretaryes.

Most of the levies to be dismissed.

Letters unto the Maior of Chester, Sir John Savage, Sir Hughe Chomley, Sir Larrance Smithe, Sir William Booth, knightes, and Mr. Glasier, of the men apointed to be levied in North Wales and sent into Irland to make choice of one hundred, and retorn the rest with their furniture home according to the minute in the Chest.

A letter to the Erle of Bedford, for the sending home of the men appointed to be levied and sent out of Devon and Cornwall, and uppon certificates to be sent hither their coate and conducte monnye and charges for their victualling during their abode at Barstable shall be answered here. p. 613.

The like to the Maior of Bristoll for soch as shold have ben embarqued there.

The Berwick soldiers still to go to Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Scroope that, notwithstanding the former letter sent by Mr. Secretaryes, the three hundred soldiers apointed to be sent into Irland of the garrison of Barwick shold proceade on in that voiage as was at the first apointed.

vj Septembris, Grenewich, 1579.

Earl of Leycester.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Vicechamberlayne.
Mr. Threasurer.	Bothe Mr. Secretaries.

News from Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Justice of the Realme of Irelande in answere of suche letters and instruccions as he had sent hether by his brother, Drewe Drewry, according to the mynute remayning in the Chest.

A letter to the said Lord Justice that where their Lordships hade seene a letter written by the Erle of Kildare unto Mr. Threasurer, wherein he writeth that he is muche beholding unto the Lord Justice, and therfore hathe desired that their Lordships would thancke him on his behaulf, as their Lordships are verie gladd to understande of their good correspondencie and agreement, which they are verie desirous, for her Majesties service, to have contynued, their Lordships have thought good bothe to thanck him for that that is past, and to pray him hereafter to shewe the said Erle all suche pleasure and frind shippe as lawfully and conveniently he maye.

p. 614. The Irish squadron.

A letter to Sir John Perrot, knight, Admirall of suche her Majesties shippes as are presently upon the seas, to proceade onwarde to the coaste of Irelande, &c., according to a mynute of the said letter remayning in the Counccll Chest.

Letters of thanks.

Foure letters of thanckes unto the Erle of Kildare, Lord of Upper Ossory, Sir William Bourge and Sir Cormacke Macteig for their loyall assisting of the Lord Justice againste the traytor James Fitzmoris.

Death of James Fitzmaurice.

A letter unto the Erle of Huntington, President of her Majesties Councell in the Northe Partes, that whereas their Lordships thincke it not needefull at this presente to have the 200 horsemen appointed to be leavied in those partes to be sent into Irelande, the traytor James Fitzmorris being slayne, and the rest of the rebells forces being, as it is reported, verie smale, his Lordship shoulde geve order that the said horsemen maie be stayed, having a speciall regard that the horses, furniture and other thinges whatsoever taken of the countrie for that service be restored unto them againe.

A letter unto Luke Warde, gentleman, that whereas they had seen his letter of the xix^th^ of this presente touching the mishappe of the striking of his pynnace upon grounde besides Romney, he should, with as much speede as he can, take in his lading againe and proceade onward at his voiage, and furder examyn by whose defaulte the said mishappe happened. A ship aground.

A letter to the Lords of the Kinges Highnes' Councell in Scotlande touching Mr. Adam Fowlerton's negociacion here for restitucion to be made unto the subjectes of that Realme for suche losses as they had sustayned by pirates, together with a scedule declaring what had ben here don for their reliefe, and a briefe collection what money and other restitucion had ben made to the said Fowlerton, the particularities and mynutes whereof remayne with Mr. Secretary Walsingham. Scottish claims.

A letter to the Mareschall of her Majesties Benche that whereas of late the person of one Trugeon, sent up out of Cornewall, was delivered unto his charge, he should, for certen good consideracions, se him kept as a close prysonner in safetye, untill suche tyme as he should receive other order from their Lordships to the contrarye. Francis Tregian.

A letter to Sir Owyn Hopton, knight, Lieutenante of the Tower, Mr. Doctor Dale, one of the Masters of the Requestes, and Mr. William Fleetewood, Recorder of the Cittie of London, or any two of them, that whereas heretofore a writ of *habeas corpus* was by their Lordships' order graunted for the removing of the bodie of Frauncis Trugeon, condemned in Cornewall in a case of *premunire*, uppon suggestion made by the said Trugeon and his wiefe that he was in danger of his liefe, and threatened to have ben murdered, as should appeare by a letter of Trugeon's owne hand and his wiefes Supplicacion sent herewith unto them; forasmuch as their Lordships are crediblie informed that the said suggestions were untrue, and that he desired to be p. 615.

removed for some other cause, they are required to make their repaire unto the prison of her Majesties Benche, where he nowe is, and in their Lordships' names to commaunde him to declare unto them who used the said threateninges, what offerres were made to have him murdered, of whome, and to whome, and what due proofes he is able to make of this, his pretended assertion; and, furder, where it is alleadged by the keeper of the gaole of Lanceston that he uttered these words that the prison had ben offered to have ben broken twise for his escape, in case he had woulde, to understand from him whether he spake those words or noe, and by whom the same should have ben don, together with suche other particularities and circumstances as they shall thincke meete to be inquired of and understoode in that behaulf, whereof they are willed to advertise their Lordships as sone as they conveniently may before Sunday next.

Reward for a Scot.

A warraunt unto the Threasurer of the Chamber to pay, by way of her Majesties speciall rewarde, unto David Endiacht, Scottishman, the some of ten poundes.

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Grenewiche, *4 Septembris*, 1579.

Present:—

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
	Both Mr. Secretaryes.

Scottish claims.

A letter to Sir Robert Wingfielde touchinge certaine examinacions taken in a cause of one Atkinson, a Scottishman, &c., and to see him recompenced for his losses of certaine persones named in a schedule, and to sende upp such examinacions as have ben taken in that cause, or els to sende upp the persones.

Grenewich, *7 Septembris*, 1579.

Present:—

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Leycester.	Both Mr. Secretaries.
Lord Hunsdon.	

A letter to the Lord Cobham that where their Lordships were geven to understande that a certaine hoye belonginge unto the Companie of the Stilliard durst not repaire to London for feare of one Wilson, who laie in waite for the same about Margate, that his Lordship should geve order that the pirate might be taken, and the said hoy so sufficientlie [guarded] as that she might repaire without anie danger up to London. A pirate off Margate.

A pasporte of Monsieur Comballes, Gentleman unto the Duke of Anjou, that wheras heretofore order was geven that a certaine shippe, called the Barke of Bullen, heretofore belonginge to one William Nutshaw of Southampton, merchaunt, should be delivered unto a servaunt of the Marshall Birron's in France, in recompence of another shippe belonginge to the said Marshall and taken by Nutshawe; forasmuch as their Lordships were geven to understande that the said Combelles had bargained with the Marshall's servaunt for the said Barke of Bullen, they should suffer him to carie the same away into France, and behavinge himself honestlie to helpe him to be furnished of thinges necessarie for his readie money. French claims. p. 617.

A letter to Edmunde Hall, John and Francis Harrington, esquiours, or anie two of them, together with a copie of a letter sent unto the Lord Threasurer from the Alderman of the towne of Stamforde, touching a fraye committed by the servantes of Mr. William Norreys, requiringe them to examine the matter and to certifie their Lordships, &c. A fray.

The like letter to Anthonie Tarrolde, Robert Car and Arthure Hall, esquiours, or anie two of them, together with a copie of a letter from the Alderman of Grantham, to

examine a like matter of disorder and fraie committed by Mr. Norreyes, his men, as it was enformed, and to certifie their Lordships.

The Tower. A letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower to receave from Mr. Secretary Wilson the person of one Frauncis Bruning, and to kepe him as a close prisoner untill suche time as he shall receave other order from their Lordships.

Francis Tregian. A letter to Mr. Justice Southcot that wheras he had graunted a writt of *habeas corpus* for the removing of the bodie of Frances Trugeon out of the gaole of Lanston, in the countie of Cornewall, unto the prison of her Majesties Benche, forasmuch as the keper demaundeth to be aunswered his charges for the bringing of him upp, and in such cases it hathe ben accustomed that before the graunting of the said writt order should be taken for the aunswering of
p. 618. the same, he is required to consider of the said keper's bill of expences inclosed and to take order how he maie be aunswered for his charges.

The Fleet Prison. Letter to the Warden of the Fleete for the release of George Winter, uppon bondes here taken that either he should bring forthe his sonne, John Winter, or els at th'ende of fowertie daies retorne againe unto the said prison.

Haveringe, *xj° Septembris*, 1579.

Signed by:—

Lord Threasurer.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Hunsdon.	Both Mr. Secretaries.

The Spanish wine trade. A letter to the Lord Maiour together with a Supplicacion inclosed of certaine Spanishe merchantes havinge greate quantities of sweete wines lyinge in their handes [that they] might be suffred to retaile the same at lower prices then the vintners doe, his Lordship, with the assistance of Mr. Wilforde, President of the Merchantes trading Spaine, havinge called some of the vintners and the said merchantes before

them, should take some such order between them as he should thincke convenient, or els certifie their Lordships of their doinges and what cause may be pretended to the contrarie.

Spanish complaints.

Letter to the Sheriff of the countie of Glocester to sende upp certaine persones, inhabitauntes of Tewkesbury, accused by a Supplicacion exhibited by John Baptista de Sambitores to have spoiled and committed piracie uppon a Spanishe barke, &c.

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The harbours of Dover and Hastings.

Letter to the Sheriffe and Justices of Peace in Kent that wheras their Lordships were geven to understande that such money as was gathered in the said countie towardes the repairinge of the porte of Hastinges [was collected] uppon pretence that the same should be employed for the haven of Dover; forasmuch as their Lordships are informed that the colleccion was made in the name of Hastinges, and further have ben put in hope that in case anie such colleccion shalbe hereafter made for the said porte of Dover, that they of the countie of Sussex will use the like benevolence towardes them, they are required to deliver the same moneye gathered for and in the name of the porte of Hastinges unto the bearer sufficientlie authorised from the Maiour of that towne of Hastinges for that purpose.

The Ordnance Office.

Letter to the Lord Threasurer that whereas there hathe ben issued miiij^{c}xvj^{li} xiiij^{s} ij^{d} out of thoffice of the Ordinance, parte of which money is dewe to sondrie poore artificers, his Lordship should paie to the Lieutenant of the Ordinance or his Deputie the summe of viij$^{c\,li}$ out of a Privie Seale of v$^{m\,li}$ latelie directed unto his Lordship for the service of Irelande.

Havering, *13 Septembris*, 1579.

Present:—

The Lord Chauncelor.
Lord Threasurer.
Erle of Leycester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Both Mr. Secretaries.

Negotiations with the Steelyard.

This daie the Alderman of the Companie of the Stilliarde, Mr. George Lismayn, Secretarie unto the Steedes of the Hanse concerning English affaires, being latelie sent over with letters from the said Steedes unto her Majesty, and two others of the said Societie came before their Lordships, where, besides her Highnes' letters heretofore delivered to the said Secretarie in aunswer to the letters brought by him from the Steedes to their Lordships by worde of mouthe, declared certaine other thinges to be reported by him unto them at his retorne, wheruppon the said Alderman and the rest being for a whiles retired, afterwardes retorninge exhibited unto their Lordships the articles followinge declaring how they had conceaved their Lordships' aunswer, wheruppon it pleased their said Lordships for the better examinacion of their minde therin to adde by waye of *apostilla* the notes written in the margent in a Romane letter, and commaunded a copie thereof to be delivered to the said Alderman, &c.

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* Articles exhibited by the Stilliarde, &c.

Havering, *14 Septembris*, 1579.

Presence as before, Sir Henry Sidney being also present.

Recruits for Ireland.

A letter to the Lord President and Counsell in the Marches of Wales forthwith to put in a readines the vj^{c} souldiours appointed to be levied for the service of Irelande in the counties of Worcester, Glocester, Hereford and South Wales, and cause them to be forthwith sent to Bristowe to be transported to Corke or Waterforde, and the ccc remaining of the nomber allotted to the counties of Salop and Northwales to be sent to Chester and transported to Dublin.

† 600, South Wales.

†30(*sic*),North Wales.

Fower letters of one tenure to the Sheriff and Justices of Peace in the counties of Glocester, Worcester, Hereforde

* The articles are not given in the MS., nor is any space left for them.

† Original marginal notes.

and Salop for the putting of their severall nombers in a readines, according to an allotment and rate heretofore sett downe by the Counsell in the Marches; and for that it importeth her Majestie to have them well chosen and furnished, their Lordships have thought convenient to require p. 621. some of the said Justices, whose names are in a schedule remaininge with Mr. Secretary Walsingham, to have a dewe regarde that choice be made of the hablest and best furnished persones of the said counties, to th'intent that through their default her Majesties service receave not anie prejudice or hinderaunce.

Two letters of like tenour unto the Sheriffes and Justices of Peace in the counties of Somerset and Dorset signyfying unto them how that her Majestie had ben enformed that the nombers of men appointed to be sent out of the said shires into Irelande were not sufficientlie chosen, but the charge committed to the constables, which her Majestie would not altogether beleve before the matter were further examined; notwithstanding they are at this present required that the said souldiours now appointed to be levied in those counties be of the hablest and best furnished persones, and for that purpose their Lordships in the said letter require some of the said Justices, whose names are also contained in the forenamed schedule, to have a speciall regarde therof, as they will aunswer to the contrarie, for that if there be anie default therin her Majestie mindeth to be answered for the same at their handes.

Two letters, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Maiour of Bristowe for the victualling and transportacion of c souldiours out of Dorset shire, ccc out of Somerset, vj^{c} out of South- wales and the counties adjoyninge; another to the Maiour of Chester, of like effect, for the victualling and transportacion of the souldiours of North Wales and counties adjoyninge.

* 100, Dorset.
*300, Somerset.

A letter to the Lord President of her Majesties Counsell p. 622.
in the Marches of Wales to deliver 200 of the souldiours The leaders of the recruits.

* Original marginal notes.

appointed to be levied in the counties of Worcester, Glocester and Salop and Hereford to James Croftes, gentleman; and the rest of the counties of South Wales to Sir William Morgan, knight.

Letter to th'erle of Huntington, Lord President of her Majesties Counsell in the Northe, to geve order that the cc horse heretofore appointed to be levied in Yorkeshire for her Majesties service in Irelande be delivered to William Norreys or the bringer herof in his name; and forasmuch as their Lordships were enformed that divers of the said horsemen were contented to redeme their goinge for xx^{li}, and the said William Norreys hathe offred for the said summe of xx^{li} a horse to furnishe l or lx in their places him self, his Lordship is required that if anie of the said horsemen shall voluntarilie make anie such offer, that then his Lordship take order that the said money be forthwith paid unto the said Mr. Norreys or his deputie, to th'intent he maie make his provicion here, and her Majesties service be not hindered, &c.

Money and provisions for the Irish service.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer of such money as remaineth in his handes to be defraied for the service of Irelande to paie, by way of imprest, the summe of c^{li} to Mr. William Norreys, cc^{li} to Sir William Morgan, and l^{li} to James Croftes.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer, that forasmuch as it maie
p. 623. happen that her Majestie shall have occacion to make provicion of a certaine masse of victualls in the West for her Highnes' service in the Realme of Irelande, his Lordship should forthwith geve order that the transportacion of corne and victualls in those counties should be forthwith restrained and inhibited.

A letter unto the Maiour of Lirpole to provide shippinge for the transportacion of the horsemen, and to see them duringe their aboade there victualled for thre pence the meale a man, and iiij^{d} a daie for the horse.

Lord Desmond's revolt.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Ireland signifying unto him what order is here taken for a further supplie of men

to be sent unto him uppon the late newes receaved from Dublin and Corke of the breaking out of th'erle of Desmonde, according to a minute remayning in the Counsell Chest.

A letter to th'erle of Bedforde, Sheriffe and Justices of Peace in the countie of Cornewall signyfying unto them how that uppon certaine thinges brought upp by Sir George Carie, knight, they have called Sir John Arundell, knight, before them to aunswer for such things as were founde in his house; and forasmuch as he hath enformed their Lordships that besides certaine pictures of Christ and the Virgin Marie, he left nothinge that might be offensive unto the lawes at the time of his departure about two yeres sithe from his said house, and knoweth not what maie have ben brought in since, for which he cannot answer, and yet nevertheless hathe offred that the greate companie remaining in his house shalbe dispersed, but on the other side hathe enformed their Lordships that the said searche of his house proceaded of some particular envye and malice borne unto him by some of that shire, and that divers persones conforming them selves duetifullie in matters of Religion, according to her Majesties lawes, have ben molested and searched onlie for that they were his frendes and servauntes, of the names of which persones the said Sir John Arundell exhibited in a certaine schedule, the copie wherof is sent unto the said Erle; his Lordship is desired to cause the same matter to be examined and to enforme their Lordships therof; and wheras, further, uppon a suggestion here made on the behalf of Francis Trugeon that he was in danger of his life, and had ben threatened, being in the gaole of Lanceston in the countie of Cornewall, there was a writt of *habeas corpus* graunted for the removing of him into the prison of the Kinges Benche, where their Lordships have caused him to be examined by one of the Masters of the Requestes and Mr. Lieutenant of the Tower, wherin the said Trugeon allegethe to have understoode the said threatninges and menaces from others named in the said exami- Popery in Cornwall. p. 624.

nacion, and remaining (as it is thought) in that countrey, his Lordship is praied to order that the said persones maie be examined touching that matter, and to certifie their Lordships, &c.

Margate pirates and a Dutch squadron.

A letter to the Lord Cobham, Lord Warden of the Five Portes, in answer of a letter sent from him, that first touching such pirates as were staied at Margate, he should geve order that they should be proceaded with according to lawe and such Commission as hathe ben heretofore addressed unto him in that behalf; and, secondlie, where his Lordship desireth to understande their Lordships' pleasure how the Admirall of Flushinge, being latelie with certaine vessells set unto the seas uppon pretence against pirates should be used in the Portes, it is signified unto his Lordship that, behaving them selves honestlie and committing no acte of hostilitie or injurie against her Majesties subjectes, &c., they maie in convenient nombers be suffred to come on lande and relieved of victualls and thinges necessarie for readie money.

p. 625. Pirates and recruits in Wales.

A letter to the Bishop of Bangour, Sir John Hibard, knight, and Richard Pates, esquiour, in aunswer of one sent from them, thancking them for the paines and care which they have taken, and requiring them to doe their best endevour, with thassistaunce of the Justices of Peace in Anglesey, to apprehende the pirate that laie in the roade called the Wild Roade, and further signifying unto them that they should proceade with such persones as were apprehended uppon the lande belonging unto the said pirate, according to lawe and such Commission as their Lordships thought remained in their handes for the triall of suche matters; and in case there were no suche Commission remaininge there, that their Lordships did presently write unto the Judge of the Admiralties Deputie to sende one thither; and wheras they had further geven order, uppon newes brought out [of] Irelande of the Erle of Desmondes revolt, that the souldiours sent backe from Chester should for the space of xx^{tie} daies

remaine in their houses, to be emploied as her Majesties service should require, they are thancked for their good discrecion used therin, especiallie seing her Majestie meanethe to use them now, and therfore are required to folowe such direccion for the sending of them back to Chester as they should receave from the Lord President and Counsell of the Marches.

A letter to Doctour Gibbons, Deputie to the Judge of the Admiralty, to certifie their Lordships whether there be any Commission in Wales for the proceading against and triall of pirates, requiring him, if there be none, to geve order that according unto the Statute there maie be one made unto suche of her Majesty's Counsell in the Marches and other Justices of Peace of the shires within the Principalitie of Wales as he shall thincke meete.

Newhall, 18 September, 1579. p. 626.

Signed by:—

Lord Chancelor.
Lord Threasurer.
Erle of Warwick.
Erle of Leycester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Threasurer.
Sir Henry Sidney.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Both Mr. Secretaries.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer that wheras her Majestie was contented to bestowe uppon the towne of Dover a certaine licence for transportacion of graine towards the repairing of their repairing (*sic*) of their haven, forasmuch as certaine groines were at this present to be made, the charges wherof their Lordships were desirous to have borne by the benefit of the said licence, his Lordship is desired to give order that no person transport anie corne or graine out of the counties of Kent and Sussex unles the parties shalbe contented uppon reasonable composicion to carie the same over under the said licence to the towne of Dover, &c. Dover harbour.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that a certaine churche named St. Peter's within the towne of Dover, being fallen downe, maie be, according to a survey heretofore taken, solde, &c., and either the stuffe or the money arisinge of the sale delivered unto the Maiour, Lieutenant of the Castell, Thomas Androwes, and such other persones as his Lordship shall thincke good to nominate in that behalf, to be by them employed towardes the reparacion of the said haven, according to a minute remaininge in the Chest.

p. 627. The Marshalsea. A letter to the Knight Marshall for the release of Richard Reynoldes, parson of Stapleforde, and Frauncis Bushe, one of the constables, and the said Reynoldes wife out of the prison of the Marshallsey.

A French ship to be restored. A letter to Sir Henry Ratclif, knight, Capten of her Majesties towne of Portesmouthe, that wheras one Robert Mariner of the towne of Bullen in Fraunce was about two monethes past spoiled uppon the seas by Englishe pirates of a shippe called the New Marget of Bullen, laden with Newcastell coles, which said shippe is said now to be at Portesmouthe; forasmuch as the said Robert Mariner hathe brought an attestacion under the seale of the said towne of Bullen that the said barque of Bullen belongethe unto him, and therfore desirethe restitucion, the said Sir Henrie is required, if he shall knowe no other lawfull cause to the contrarye, to cause the said shippe to be delivered unto him with the appurtenances, the said Mariner allowing the reasonable charges.

A passport. A pasporte for Monsieur Dallocke Montmorancy, sent out of Fraunce unto her Majestie, to repaire home againe.

Bread and beer in the City. A letter to the Lord Maiour thancking him in that he hathe caused the assises and weightes of breade to be amended within the Citye, and forasmuch as their Lordships were enformed that notwithstanding the plentie and cheapnes of malt, the beerebrewers and others did usuallie sell and retaile their beere in like sorte as they did when malt
p. 628. was solde at the double price it now is, he is required to

call the Wardens and suche other of the Companie of Beere-brewers as he shall thincke meete, and informing him self truelie from them how, considering the cheapnes of malt, they be hable to aforde their beere, to take order that the same maie be observed within the Citie.

Provisions for Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer that wheras John Blande is appointed to make provicion of a certaine proporcion of victualls in the West Partes of this Realme and for the furnishing of the same hathe neade of a further supplie of moneye, his Lordship is required to geve order that out of the Privie Seale directed unto him for the service of that Realme the summe of vj or vij^{c} ^{li}, or some such other like summe as his Lordship shall thincke convenient for that purpose, maie be sent and delivered unto the said Blande at Bristowe or such other place where he remainethe, to be defraied for the said provicions.

Giddy Hall, 25 September, 1579.

Signed by:—

Lord Chauncelor.
Lord Threasurer.
Erle of Leycester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Both Mr. Secretaryes.

The Irish reinforcements.

A letter unto the Lord Threasurer to content and paye unto John Roberts, Chamberlaine of the citie of Bristoll, the summe of iij^{c}xv^{li} xiiij^{s} vj^{d} for so muche layd out by the said Maiour for the paiment of the coate and conducte moneye and victualling of the souldiours appointed to repaire thither for the service of Irelande, according to an accompt sent from the said Maiour and inclosed in the said letter, and further to deliver unto the said Chamberlaine for his paines and charges taken in this service the summe of vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}.

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A Northamptonshire case.

A letter unto Sir John Spenser, knight, and Edward Onley, esquiour, that whereas their Lordships had seen a

certaine examinacion taken by them of one Thompson, condemned for fellonie at the last Assises at Northampton, charging one Mr. Brooke with a matter of false coine, albeit their Lordships thincke that the said informacion proceaded rather of malice and setting on of others then anie just cause, and so could have rest satisfyed, yet seing the said Mr. Brooke desireth to have the matter better sifted, and also it apperethe that some persones named in the said Thompson's examinacion to knowe somwhat in this matter have not ben yet examined, they are required once againe to examine aswell the said Thompson and the other persones named by him, as also the said Mr. Brooke and such others as he shall produce for the disproving of the said informacion, &c., and to certifie their Lordships the rest, &c.

* 27 September, Giddy Hall.

Presence as before.

A treasonable publication.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of the Citie of London touching the Proclamation appointed to be published against a libell latelie imprinted in that Citie, according to the minute remaining in the Counsell Chest.

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Secundo Octobris, 1579, Grenewich.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Hunsdon.	Both Mr. Secretaries.

sh expenses.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer that where Mr. Gerrard, Lord Chauncellour of the Realme of Irelande, sithe the late troubles in that Realme hath taken up for her Majesties service the some of foure hundred pounds and delivered the same unto the handes of Edward Fitton, esquire, for-

* The date and place are given in the margin.

asmuch as he hath undertaken that the same should be repayd unto such as either should bring his bills or letters for the same, his Lordship is desired to geve order that either of suche money as remayneth in his handes to be defrayed in her Majesties service for that Realme, or of the next quarterage which shalbe sent over, to paye unto suche person as shall bringe sufficient acquitance from the said Lord Chauncellour the said some of foure hundred poundes sterling, and thiese their Lordships' letters shalbe his dischardg in that behaulf.

A letter unto the Erle of Bedforde referring unto his Lordship's discreacion either to surcese or contynewe the watche uppon the beacon within his jurisdiction. The Beacon Watch.

* *Tertio Octobris*, 1579, Grenewiche.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Councell in the Marches of Wales that wheras Frauncis Uricke, a notoriouse malefactor, not long since apprehended and comitted to the gaole within the county of Radnor, escaped out of prisonne and by the dilligence of the keper from whom he hathe escaped is since taken agayne and committed to Newgate in London, and instance now made by the Sheriffe of that county that Uricke may be sent thether to receive his triall there; forasmuche as he is not only charged with diverse factes, but hathe also appeached sundry lewde personnes against whom he is to informe as occasion shall serve, their Lordships have therfore thought good to make stay of him for a tyme and yf ther shall not appeare sufficient matter to condemne him here, then shall he be returned unto them to aunswer suche furder matter as is to be layed againste him there; and where they A Welsh malefactor.

* The date and names are given in the margin.

have fyned his keper at one hundred poundes, whereof he hath payd twentye, althoughe their Lordships do verie well
p. 631. allowe of their doinges herein, yet yf upon examinacion it shall appeare that he escaped by negligence and not by the corruption of the said keeper, they shall do well to release the rest thereof unto him, the rather for that by his dilligence the prysonner is agayne recovered.

Robbery in Gloucestershire.

A letter to Sir Nicholas Poyntes, Sir Richard Barckley, Richard Pate and Thomas Throgmorton, esquiers, signifieng that by the peticion inclosed their Lordships are geven to understande of a robbery lately committed within the county of Gloucester by certen disguised personnes in the companie of George Burrell upon Ivan Huntley and William Wollery, whereby also is signified that by some indirecte dealing of Thomas Atkins, her Majesties Atturney in the Marches, and of Burrell with the frindshippe of the Maiour and Aldermen of Glocester, the parties charged with the robberie are sufferred to escape, and the said Wollery indicted and committed for the same as more at large shall appeare by the said peticion; their Lordships have therfore made choyce of them foure and do require them or any two of them to repaire unto Gloucester, and there to call before them as well such personnes as are to be produced for the testifieng of the truthe herein or anie other person that may be charged as partie or acquainted with the doing of the said robbery and especially George Burrell, and to do their best indevours bothe to discover the parties that committed the robbery, as also to examyn how the said Wollery became indicted for that robbery and in what sort, and yf it shall appeare to have ben wrongfully then to cause him fourthwith to be released of his imprisonment and the doers thereof to be apprehended and committed; they are also required to inquire whether Thomas Atkyns and the Maiour and Aldermen of Gloucester as (*sic*) to be touched with any corrupt dealinges in this matter, and thereof, as of the rest of their doinges, to certifie their Lordships with as convenient speede as they maye.

iiij^to Octobris, 1579, Grenewiche.

Lord Chancelor.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Erle of Arundel.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to Mr. Bashe that where by his letter of the xxvij^th of September laste, written to the Lord Threasurer, he desirethe to understande that yf it shall please her Majestie to contynue her Navy presently at the seas under the charg of Sir John Perrot any longer than three weekes after the date of his letter, by which tyme he signifiethe he must either returne homewardes or be furnished for some further tyme with more victualls, whether it maye like her Majestie that one monethes victualls shoulde be provided to be sent to them in tyme convenient, their Lordships have thought good, howsoever her Majestie may determyn either for the revoking or staye of the said Navie, to require him with all dilligence to make provision at Bristoll for them for xiiij^en daies victualls more, to begyn after the ix^th of November next, there to remayne untill he shall receive furder direction from their Lordships for the sending thereof into Irelande or th'imployeng thereof otherwise as shall be thought most fitt for her Highnes' service. Provisions for the Fleet. p. 632.

A letter to Mr. Henry Knollys for his apparence before their Lordships to answere a matter of a spoyle supposed to be don by a shippe of his uppon a subjecte of the King of Spaigne. Piracy.

A letter of assistaunce of a processe graunted out of her Majesties principall Court of the Admiraltie for the recovery of certen goodes taken by Samuel Bigges, *alias* Hollande, and his company from John Harman and others of the towne of Lewes in Sussex, and for the apprehencion of the pirate him self and his companions.

A letter to the Sheriffe of the county of Oxon requiring him to make his repeire unto Henley uppon Thames, For several arrests.

and there apprehend the person of David Grison, a broker, dwelling (as it is sayed) over againste the Butcher Rowe in Henley, and upon his apprehension to send him heither under the charge of some of his trustiest servantes, not suffering him to have conference by the way with any person; and in case he shalbe removed from thence into any privileged place or other shire, then is he required to send this their Lordships' letter unto the officer of the libertie or Sheriffe of the county, requiring them to see the contentes of the same accomplished.

A like letter to the Sheriffe of the county of Hereforde for the apprehension of the personnes of Robert Butcher of Whitney, Thomas Petin of Wotton besides Poonye (*sic*), Hughe Floyd of Whitney and Richard Boyer of Lemster, sherman.

A like letter to the Sheriffe of the countye of Radnor for the apprehension of James Davis of Flangunley besides Preston.

p. 633. A like letter to the Sheriffe of the county of Brecknocke for the apprehension of John Plenbote, besides Whitney.

v^to^ Octobris, 1579, Grenewiche.

Lord Chancelor.
Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.
Lord Chamberlain.
Erle of Leicester.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Francis Tregian. A letter to the Mareschalles of her Majesties Benche to permitt Mrs. Trugeon to repaire unto her husbonde, being prisonner in the said Benche, there to remayne with him at her liking, and to have regard that none els be suffered to com unto him, but onlie uppon their Lordships' speciall permission.

Horse stealing. A letter to the Sherif of the countie of Glocester requiring him to deliver unto the berer hereof certen geldinges

and horses stollen by one Williams, which geldinges are said to remayne with the said Sherif under arrest, of which geldinges two, one of couler roan and the other graye, appertaining unto one Thomas Galande of Southwark, inholder, and to deliver unto the said berer more one baye colte stollen by the said Williams and his complices from Mr. Fetiplace in Oxford sheire, and an other black gelding; and for that their Lordships are for certen consideracions desirouse to have Williams tryed here, he is required to send the said Williams unto their Lordships, and furder to apprehende one Nicollas Dalley and Henry Plumer of Tuxburye, cawsing them to be committed to close prison, not suffering them either to conferre together betwene them selfes or to have anie conference with others untill he shalbe otherwise directed from their Lordships.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer of England requiring him to deliver unto Edward Bashe, esquire, Surveyor-Generall of the Victuall, for her Majesties Navy, of the Privie Seale remayning in his handes to be imployed for the service of the Realme of Irelande, the some of ccccxij^{li} x^{s} for a newe provision to be made for the victualling of her Majesties shippes under the charg of Sir John Perrot, knight, for xiiij daies to begyn at tenthe of November next ensuing, and this their Lordships' letter to be his discharg in that behaulf. * This letter cancelled and made voyde. p. 634.

A letter to the Judg of the Admiraltie requiring him to examyn the contentes of a peticion herewith sent unto him concerning a spoyle don at the seas on Edward Fisher, merchaunte of London, and where he informethe that divers peeces of Holland clothe taken from him in that spoyle are since dispersed into the hands of sundry persons within the Cittie of London, who refuse to make restitucion thereof not withstanding a processe graunted out of the Court of the Admiralty for that pourpose, he is therefore required to call the said persones before him and to examyn whether Pirates' plunder.

* Original marginal note; the entry has been struck out.

anie suche clothe be remayning in their handes, to cause restitucion thereof to be made unto the said Fisher, and furder to prosecute against the retayners of the said clothe, according to such laues and orders as have ben heretofore ordayned for like offendours.

A living in dispute.

A letter to th'erle of Bedford desiring his Lordship to consider of a peticion herewith sent unto him concerning a controversie between Bartholomew Masson, one of her Majesties Chapp[l]en[s] and one Matthewe Nicholls for the possession of a certen vicarag in the county of Cornewall, and to appointe certen indifferent gentlemen at his Lordship's good discreacion to have the hearing and examining thereof, and to [take] some suche order betwene them for a finall ende of the controversie as shalbe aggreable with justice and equitie.

A treasonable publication.

Eleven letters sent with the Proclamacion for the repressing of a libell called the Gaping Gulf unto the Bushoprickes following, viz.:—

Canterburie.	Oxon.
Norwiche.	Bathe and Welles.
Chichester.	Elye.
Winton.	Sarum.
Coventrie and Lichfield.	Lyncoln.
Exon.	

A mynute of which letters remaynethe in the Councell Cheste.

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Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Sir Ralfe Sadler.
Lord of Leycester.	Sir Walter Mildmay.
Lord of Hunsdon.	

Passports for Scots.

A passeporte for William Hambleton, Richard Duglas and Roberte Brushe, Scottishemen, to passe into Fraunce

by the waye of Rye, carrieng withe them their males and baggages.

A letter to the Lord Cobham signifieng that by the papers inclosed his Lordship shall understande a matter in controversie betwene the Jurates of Rye and one Fagge, their Maiour, by whose election into the Maioraltie thre yeares together, contrarie to the orders of the towne, by the practise cheifely of one Apleton, their Towne Clarke, ther towne hathe ben verie evell governed; in the examining of which controversie his Lordship is desired to take some paines and (yf it maye be) to make suche ende thereof betwene them as shalbe most fitte for their quietnes and reformacion of the disorders, which yf he shall not be able to doe, then upon furder knowledge from his Lordship in what termes they stande, their Lordships will advise to take some other course to reduce them to good order. Municipal troubles at Rye.

A letter to the Lord Maiour concerning a demaunde made by the Merchauntes Adventurers for furder privileges to be graunted unto them from the Queen's Majestie, according to the mynute in the Councell Cheste. The Merchant Adventurers.

A letter to the Bailiffes of Ipswich that where theyr Lordships do understande that upon the apprehension of one Katherine Randall, committed to the Castle of Colchester upon suspicion to be accessary unto certen offences of William Randall, her husbande, likewise prisoner, they have seased their goods, not suffering them and their children to enjoye anie reliefe thereof, which by lawe they ought untill they shalbe condemned for anie facte that deservethe the losse of goods; they are therfore required during their imprisonment to take order that out of their goods presently in their hands to allowe unto them and their children suche sufficient sustenance as shalbe necessary for them, and the same will yeilde; and in the meane while to sequestre the same into the hands of indifferent persons, who maye by inventorie answere the same unto the use of the children unto whome the moste parte of the said The goods of unconvicted prisoners.

goods dothe belonge by the gifte of their father, Robert Kindersley, former husband unto the said Katherine Randall, that althoughe they shalbe found giltie, yet the poore children maie not be defrauded of their porcions.

p. 636. Return of the Fleet. A letter to Sir John Perrot geving him to understande that uppon the recepte of his letter of the fifte of this presente written from the Roade of Dover, they acquainted her Majestie with his arrivall with the Navie, whereuppon she willed their Lordships to geve order unto him to do his indevour to bring her shippes into the river, and so to the place where they are accustomed to remain, either by him self or by others, and him self to repaire fourthwith heither; signifieng furder unto him that some of the officers of the Admiraltie shall fourthwith resort unto the shippes to take order for the discharg of the maryners and soldiers, prayeng him that of the v$^{c li}$ delivered unto him at his departure herehence towards Irelande he deliver unto the said officers so muche as is remayning, to be imployed towards the payment of the said soldiers and maryners.

Grenwich, 8 October, 1579.

Present:—

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Henry Sidney.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	Sir Raphe Sadler.

The ships to be paid off. A letter to the Lord Threasurer requiring his Lordship to geve order for the paiment of cccIxxij^{li} j^{s} viij^{d} unto John Hawkins, Threasurer of her Majesties Navye, for the payinge of the souldiours and mariners employed in the shippes under Sir John Perrot, knight, for their wages and entertainment for two monethes.

Passports. A pasport for John Nicholls and David Blacke and their wyfes, and James Hambleton, Scottishmen, to passe into Scotlande by the waye of Barwicke.

* Grenewich, *9° Octobris*, 1579. p. 637.

John Worsley, gentleman, bounde by the Master of the Rolles by order from the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Councell for his personall apparence to be made the firste daie of this present Michaelmas Terme before their Lordships, hathe for the safe gard of his said bande accordingly entred his apparence. Appearances before the Clerk.

This daye John Benbricke, bounde to make his personall apparence before the Lordes of her Majesties moste Honorable Privie Councell the firste daie of this presente Michaelmas Terme, hath for saving of his said bande entred his apparence accordingly, and is nevertheles commanded to attend till by their Lordships' order he shalbe dismissed.

This day William Dorrell (*sic*) of Litlecotte in the county of Wilteshire, esquire, bounde for his apparence before the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Councell the first day of this Michaelmas Terme, hathe accordingly entred his sayd apparence, and is nevertheles to attende till by their order he be dismissed.

The x^th^ of October, 1579.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlain.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Erle of Leycester.	Mr. Wilson, Secretary.

A letter to the Maiour of Bristoll and the reste of the Commissioners appointed for the transportacion of soldiers into Irelande to geve presente order for the staying of all such soldiers as were appointed to be imbarqued there for her Majesties service in Irelande, and to take care that the said soldiers be orderly returned to their countries from whence they came, with some direction to be geven from them for the safe returnes of the said soldiers, with their armour, weapon and coates to be delivered to the charg of The Irish reinforcements.

* "ix^th^ of October" also in margin.

the gentlemen of the country; and yet where ther were appointed 1,000 to be imbarqued there, they shall permitte Sir William Morgan, knight, to selecte out of the said 1,000 one hundred of the most sufficient and best armed to be by him transported to Waterforde; and yf any of the said thousand be alreadie past before the receipte of theise their Lordships' letters, that they presentlie signifie how many they be and to staye the reste.

A letter of the like tenure, *mutatis mutandis*, unto the Maior and Commissioners at Chester for the stay of 300 p. 638. footemen, and to contynue the transportacion of the three hundred horsemen to be sent over under the charg of William Norreys, esquire.

Sir William Morgan.

A letter to Sir William Morgan geving him to understand that the Queen's Majestie knowing no presente occasion to sende over those numbers appointed to passe over into Irelande by the waye of Bristowe and Chester, but to have them staye, considering the nombers already in Irelande are sufficient for the service, hathe ordered to have the said number stayed; and yet considering her Majestie dothe perceive him desirous to serve there, whereunto he hathe made sundry chargeable preparacions, she is therefore pleased that he shall passe over into Irelande and to take one hundred of the men with him now prepared, to be chosen by him self as most sufficient to serve; and besides that her Majestie is likewise pleased to bestowe upon him the Connestableshippe and office of the Castle of Dungarvon, with the ordinarie entertaynement for the same, and therfore he is required to imploy his indevor first to choose out the said one hundred, and to helpe that all the rest may be returned unto their contries; and because Sir Nicholas Malby hathe already the government of Monster, where he hathe 900 footemen and 100 horse, which number is thought sufficient at this presente for the service there, yet it is thought good that the said Sir William Morgan, yf he will serve in Monster with any furder charg then the custodie

of the Castle of Dungarvon, may contynue with the charg of this hundred nowe carried over with him by the consent of Sir Nicholas Malby, and a furder number as cause shall require, and so Sir Nicholas Malby to discharg 100 of suche as he hathe, which he may do, considering it is informed that many of those alreadie sent over are verie insufficient.

xjth of October, 1579, Grenewiche. p. 639.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Irish arrangements.

A letter to the Lord Chauncellour and other suche Justices joyned withe him, signifieing her Majesties pleasure for the staye of suche companies of footemen as were lately appointed to passe into the Realme of Irelande for her service there from Bristoll and Chester, requiring them also to cause Sir William Morgan to be put into the possession of the Castle of Dungarvon, &c., according to the mynute remayning in the Councell Chest.

A letter to Sir Nicholas Malby, presentlie in Monster, signifieng her Majesties pleasure for the placing of Sir William Morgan in the possession of the Castle of Dungarvon, &c., according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

France and Scotland.

A passeporte for Davide Oliphante, John Lowrye, Thomas Geddes, William Rig, Thomas Lowry and James Saver, Scottishemen, merchantes, to passe into France by the waye of Rye.

Release of a Portuguese.

A letter unto the Maiour of Southampton requiring [him] to sett at libertie one Prinne, a Portingal, accused with one Roger Parker to have uttered certen unduetifull speaches against her Majesties presente procedinges in maters of Relligion, to which his releasement their Lordships do the

willinger yeild for that he is a stranger, and the said Parker moste to be charged with the said speaches, for the which he hathe received due punishement; and uppon the setting at libertie of the said Prinne to give him some good lesson for his better behaviour hereafter, and so to suffer him to procede on his pretended voiage towardes Portingall.

Expenses at Bristol.

A letter unto the Lord Threasurer that where their Lordships are informed by a letter from the Maiour of Bristoll (herein inclosed) he hathe taken uppe of William Scapules
p. 640. the somme of lxxx^{li} towards the transportacion and other charges of suche soldiers as were appointed to repeire thether oute of the counties of Dorset, Somerset, Hereford, Worcester, Glocester and the shires of South Wales for her Majesties service in Irelande, he is desired to paye the said some of lxxx^{li} unto the said Scapules or the berers hereof either in his or the Maiour's name, and this shalbe his Lordship's warrant for the payment thereof.

The corn trade.

A letter to the Commissioners for the Restrainte of Graine and Victualls within the countye of Devon signifieng unto them that the Queen's Majestie, being informed of the greate plenty of grayne this yeare within that county of Devon, not only sufficient for the inhabitauntes but are able to spare a convenient quantitie for others, is well pleased that William Curtis, citizen of London, should be lycenced to transport three hundred quarters of wheate into Spaigne or Portingall, returning for the same so muche salt, whereof that country hathe some lacke at this presente; they are therefore required to geve order that the said William Curtis, or the bringer hereof, may be served of the said proporcion of wheate as conveniently may be without enhansing of the prices or troubling of the markettes, taking heed that under collour hereof no greater number be transported than is appointed, for which cause it is thought convenient that they should appointe some trustie person to have care from tyme to tyme to such as shall have like licences; and so having

taken bandes that within foure monthes after the same wheate or any parte thereof shalbe transported he shall bring into the same county so much salte for the benefitte thereof, to thintent that paying the custome he may be suffered to transporte the said three hundred quarters accordingly.

The ships at Waterford.

A letter to Mr. Bashe to cause the monethes victualls appointed for the victualling of her Majesties shippes, under the charg of Sir John Perrot to be sent unto Waterforde for the victualling of the Foresight and Achates, according to the mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

A letter to the Lord Justice, or Governour of the Realme of Ireland for the tyme being, to geve order for the receiving of the monethe[s] victuals lately appointed for the revictualling of her Majesties shippes under the charg of Sir John Perrot to be imployed for the victualling of the Forsight and the Achates, presently serving in Ireland, according to the mynute in the Cheste.

xiiij^to^ Octobris, 1579, Starr Chamber. p. 641.

Lord Chauncellor.	Earl of Leicester.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Sir Walter Mildmay.

A father security for his son.

This daie George Winter, esquire, presented him self unto their Lordships, humbly craving their favors in the cause of John Winter, his sonne, who being charged before their Lordships with some matter of misdemeanure at the seas and by them commaunded for the answering thereof to appeare before their Lordships at a daye did contemptuouslie absent him self, whereupon the said George Winter, his father, supposed to be privie thereunto, was by their Lordships committed unto the Fleete, and after upon his humble suite released and bandes taken of him that yf within fortie daies he should not bring fourthe his sonne then to returne his body unto prison; their

Lordships therfore uppon the presenting of him self before them at the Starr Chamber, as is aforesaid, were contented to tollerate his returne unto prison untill Sonday following, at which tyme he was commanded to appeare againe before them, and for the safegard of his band they gave order to have this note made thereof in the Councell Booke.

xvj^to^ Octobris, 1579, Star Chamber.

Presente:—

Lord Chancelor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	Sir Walter Mildmay.

A lunatic prisoner.

A letter to the Bishop of London signifieng unto him that where one John Watson had exhibited a complainte unto their Lordships againste him, which uppon due examinacion before them he coulde not prove to be true and there uppon they had advised to committe him, nevertheles they considering that he is not *compos mentis*, and therefore his imprisonement might furder distracte him, thought it good to enjoyne him to repaire unto his Lordship, and to acknowledge his faulte unto him, which if he shall accordinglie performe, then maie he take suche furder order with the said Watson as to him shalbe thoughte mete, and maie be most convenient for him, seeing in what case he is.

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Ordnance stores at Windsor.

A letter to the Erle of Warwicke requiring him to deliver unto Sir Henry Neville, knighte, or the bringer hereof in his name, out of her Majesties stoares under his charge, certen carriages, ladles, sponges and suche other like furniture for ten peces of brasse at this present remayning within her Majesties Castell of Windsor, a note of which munition their Lordships doe send therewith unto him.

xviij^to^ Octobris, 1579, Grenewiche.

Present :—

Lord Chauncellor.
Lord Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Lord of Hunsdon.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A Welsh case.

A letter to the Lord [Chief Justice] Dyer and the rest of the Justices of the Common Pleas that where in the monethe of August laste, uppon complainte made unto their Lordships of some hard dealing offerred unto Morrice ap Richard by one William ap Evan in a matter depending in controversie betwene them before them in the Common Pleas, their Lordships wroate their letters to the Bishop of Bangor for the frindly compounding of the same, rather then by furder suite in lawe the suppliant should sustaine anie such unjuste vexacion as alreadie it seemethe he hath don; and forasmuche as now their Lordships have received letters from the said Bishop in answer of theirs in that behaulf, their Lordships have therfore thought good to send bothe the one and the other unto them, to th'ende that uppon the perusing of the same and well weighing the evell dealing of the one and the poore and aged estate of the other, they will at their Lordships' mocion suspend the geving of judgment therein, and to geve order for a more indifferent triall and ending of the same, either before them here or in the countrie, whereby, bothe parties being present, ther maie be no partiallitie used and the matter receive a fynall ende according to justice and equitie within (*sic*) any furder troubling their Lordships therewithe.

Spanish and French complaints.

A letter to the Judg of the Admiraltie that where complaint hathe ben made by the Spanishe Ambassadour againste Mr. Henry Knollis of a depredacion supposed to be committed upon a subjecte of the said King, a matter wherewith he hathe ben alreadie made acquainted, as their Lordships understande, and where there hathe ben produced before their Lordships certen profes made in Garnesey and

p. 643.

Southampton, which appeare not to be suche as that they maie carrie anie manifest cause to charg the said Mr. Knollis with anie knowledge of the piracy committed, althoughe in some sort it maie be suspected that the facte maie have ben don by suche as had the charg of the said shippe in his absence; nevertheles to th'ende their Lordships maie be the better informed wherewith he is to be charged, [they] have thought good to referre unto his examinacion the said proofes, with anie such furder wittnesses as maie be brought fourthe by the said Baptista to testifie their knowledg in that matter, prayeng him to take some paines therein and to certifie their Lordships what he shall finde thereof, together with his opinion how farr the said Mr. Knollis is to be charged therewith, whome for that pourpose their Lordships have sent to attende uppon him at suche tymes as he shall appointe.

A letter of assistaunce of a processe graunted out of the Admirall (*sic*) Court for restitucion of a shippe and goodes called the Julian of Brehat in Brittaigne, belonging to Jacques Lake and John de Bruys, taken by Nicholas White, Christofer Androwes, Roberte Martyn, John How and other, and for the apprehension of the pirates them selves, &c.

The Bishop of Norwich.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwich that where one James Rosier, parson of Sproughton within his Diocesse, complaineth that he hath offerred him some hard dealing as shall appeare by his Supplicacion inclosed, for that he dothe refuse to heare his cause by vertue of his ordinary authoritie, meaning to proceade against him by the Ecclesiasticall Commission directed unto him and others in that his Lordship's Diocese, thereby depriving him of the benefitte of his appeale, which in suche causes is allowed, as for having alreadie suspended him from the exercise of his cure in the said benefice, he being never lawfully warned to appear before his Lordship, as he informethe; their Lordships have therfore thought good to require him to proceade orderly againste the said Rosier by his ordinary

processe, as in such cases hath alwaies ben accustomed, and that he maie also be restored to the exercise of his said benefice, unles he have verie juste cause to the contrarie, whereof he is required to advertise their Lordships with as convenient speede as he maye.

Her Majesty's Peace.

A letter to Thomas Trentham, Richard Baget and Ralf Adderley, esquiers, or anie two of them, that where the bearer hereof, Richard Flyer of Uttoxater in that county, hathe exhibited the inclosed complainte unto their Lordships against Anthonie Aston, gentleman, of Parkhall, by the which it is signified that the said Aston hathe made sundrie attemptes to sley or mayme the said Flyer, and albeit he hathe sought diverse meanes by procuring of proces out of sondrie her Majesties Courtes for the binding of him to the peace, the same hathe taken none effecte, as shall appeare more at larg by the said complaint; their Lordships have therefore thought good to make choyce of them three, or any two of them, and to require them by vertue hereof to call the said Aston before them withe the partie complainant, and uppon substanciall examinacion of the contentes of the said complainte, yf the same shall appeare to be true, then are they required to take such order with the said Aston, by binding him unto the peace or otherwise, as the said Flyer maie reste in good securitie according to her Majesties lawes.

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Father and son.

This daye George Winter uppon his apparence according unto the tolleracion geven him at the Starr Chamber was againe by their Lordships' order deferred unto Sonday next followinge, then to appeare before them and to abyde their Lordships' furder order, and for the like safegard of his band as before this note by their Lordships' commaundement is sett down in the Councell Booke.

A bridge over the Lea.

A warrant to th'inhabitauntes of Stratford at Bowe to leavie uppon suche personnes with their horses, cartes and cattaile as shall passe over that place certen rates towards the building of a tymber frame to serve the necessitie of

the passingers untill the stone bridge may be built, according to a mynute in the Councell Cheste.

Precautions in the West.

A letter to the Erle of Bedforde for the watching of the Beacons uppon the sea coastes of Devon and Cornwall, for the appointing of two barques to be sett fourthe towards the partes of Biscaye, and the putting in a readiness of suche forces as were viewed in the laste Generall Musters within those counties, &c., according to a mynute in the Councell Cheste.

xix° Octobris, 1579.

* Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	

Precautions in the Isle of Wight.

A letter to Sir Edward Horsey, knight, to put in a readines suche able men as are within the Isle of Wight, to give order for the warding of the Beacons within the said Isle, and to conferre with the Justices of the Peace within the county of Southampton how the succours upon like occasion appointed heretofore to come out of that countye maie be in a readiness when it shall be needefull, according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

A letter to the Justices of the said countie for the putting of the said succors in a readines, according to the mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

p. 645. The xxth of October, 1579.

Appearances before the Clerk.

This daie Thomas Dawson, Deputie unto the Maiour of Lincoln, Stephen Thimbleby, Recorder, William Scolefeilde and Thomas Hanson of Lincoln aforesaid, commaunded by letters from their Lordships of the vijth of September to

* The names are given in the margin.

make their apparence before them at this daie, entered accordingly their said apparence, and are enjoyned not to departe till by their Lordships they shalbe dismissed.

At the Star Chamber.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Sir Walter Mildmay.
Lord Hunsdon.	

Two prisoners.

A letter to Alderman Dixy to receive into his custodie the wiefe of one Johnson, to be kept close prisonner, not suffered to have conferrence with any person, untill the Recorder of London and Thomas Norton shall repeire unto him, and they three to proceade to th'examining of her.

A warrant to the Knight Mareschall to receive into his custodie the person of Leonard Cowtham, servante to Mrs. Johnson, to be kept close prisonner without conferrence with any person untill Mr. Norton and Mr. Dalton shall repeire unto the Mareschalsea to take th'examinacion of the said Cowtham.

xxiij°, Star Chamber.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	Sir Walter Mildmay.
Mr. Comptroller.	

A Scottish preacher.

A letter to Sir Henry Nevill and the Deane of Winsor that where the Queen's Majestie is geven to understande that one Davison, a Scottishman, in his common preachinges and lectures hathe uttered certen lewde and disordered speches to her Majesties discontentacion, which her Highnes' pleasure is to have examined by the deposicion of suche of the hearers as can reporte the said speaches; wherfore they are required uppon the receipte hereof to call them before them,

and especially Dr. Westfalling and Mr. Harwarde, and upon their corporall othes to examyn them concerning the said speeches, and the same to certifie fourthwith unto their Lordships.

p. 646. Charge against a Mayor.

A letter to Adrian Stoks, Brian Cave and Thomas Skevington, or any two of them, that where by a letter of the xvijth of this presente from certen Justices of Peace within the towne of Leycester, written to the Erle of Huntington, their Lordships do understand that one William Norreys, Maiour of that towne, upon the accusacion of one Robert Carter, hathe ben by them committed to prison as suspected for falsifyieng of her Majesties coyne, whereof they shall at large understande by the said letter as by the examynacion of the said Carter and one Bridgman taken by the Justices afore said, which is herewith sent unto them; and because they cannot upon that accusacion only be induced to thincke the said Maiour culpable herein, unles more evident proofe may appear against him, their Lordships have therefore made choyce of them three, and do require them to make their repeire unto Leycester aforesaid, and there calling the parties aforesaid before them, with such others as may be produced to testifie their knowledg herein, substancially to examyn the whole matter, and yf ther shall appeare no greater profes to charg the Maiour with the said facte, that then (upon bandes) they sett him fourthwith at libertie to contynue his charg there according to his election; but yf they shall finde him to be furder charged herewith, then to contynue his imprisonment, and with the advise of the Justices and others of the towne to cause him to depute some sufficient person among them to execute the office of the Maiour for the tyme, and in the meane while to certifie what they finde, that suche furder order maie be therein taken as shall thereupon be thoght convenient.

Dr. Feckenham.

A letter to the Bishop of Ely signifieng that by the receipt of his letter of the viijth of this presente their

Lordships do understande how that (after often conferrences as well by him selfe as by others with John Feckenham to withdrawe him from his errour in Religion) he latelie braken out into an open discomending of her Majesties godly proceadinges in matter of Relligion within this Realme, which he supposethe to proceade of over muche lenitie heretofore used towardes him; he is therfore required to cause him to be kept close prisonner in some fitt roome within his howse, not suffering him to have any man of his owne choyce to attende upon him, and that suche person as his Lordship shall appointe of his owne servantes to resort unto him to deliver him his necessary foode (which their Lordships wishe to be no larger then may serve for his convenient sustenance) be knowen to be of honnest behaviour, whome he may not corrupt to receive or convey letters or such like to or froe, but that his Lordship be made acquainted with his doinges from tyme to tyme, and in this order to contynewe the said Feckenham untill he shall receive other direction from their Lordships.

xxv^to^ Octobris, 1579, Grenewiche. p. 647.

Present:—

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
	Sir Walter Mildmaye.

A private quarrel.

A letter to the Lord Cheife Justice of the Common Pleas that where there hath ben exhibited unto their Lordships the complaint inclosed by John Mollineux, esquire, against Sir Thomas Stanhope, knight, concerning the breache of the peace whereunto they were bothe bounde before their Lordships, and because Mr. Mollineux complaineth that the breach of the peace was made by Sir Thomas Stanhoppe at the tyme of his late Assises in the countie of Nottingham, whereof he may have had knowledge, he is

therfore required to consider thereof, and calling the said Mr. Mollineux before him, with suche witnesses as he can produce to prove his complainte againste Sir Thomas, effectually to examyn the same, and upon Wenesday next at the Starr Chamber to report unto their Lordships what he shall finde thereof, with his opinion what by lawe is fitte to be don in this matter betwene them.

The Oath of Supremacy.

A letter to John Griffithe, esquire, *Custos rotulorum* in the countie of Flinte, signifieng unto him that where John Hanmer, esquire, Justice of Peace within that countie, by reason of some important buisines was not present at their last Assises to receive the othe with the reste of the Justices, hathe nowe (returning home) duetifully offered to receive it, he is therfore required at the next Quarter Sessions to minister unto him in the open Sessions the said oathe according to their Lordships' order and as he hathe alreadie don unto the reste.

Unlawful hunting.

A letter to the Coroner of the countie of Somerset that where of late he hathe impannelled a jury to enquire of the deathe of one John Blanche, servante unto Hughe Smithe, esquire, wounded by a servante of Sir George Norton's within some parte of his grounde, upon an unlawfull hunting attempted by the said Blanche and others, forasmuche as it is thought meete, before he receive the veredicte, for the better direction of the jury that certen
p. 648. personnes shoulde be herein more substancially examined, which their Lordships have ordered to be don here at London, he is required to staye the receiving of the veredicte untill upon examinacion of the said parties he shall be furder directed from their Lordships for his proceading herein.

Conjuration and witchcraft.

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to pay unto Samuel Cocwra, for the charges of him selfe and one other searching for certen persons suspected for conjuracion in the counties of Salop, Worcester and Montgomery, the some of vij^{li} vj^{s}.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer to paye oute of the Privie Seale remayning in his hands for the service of Irelande unto Frauncis Favall or John Rivers of London, Merchaunt Strainger, the some of cc^{li} taken up of the said Favall by the Maiour of Bristowe for the returning home of the soldiers appointed to be imbarqued there for Irelande, testified by the said Maiour's letter of the xijth of this presente and sent herein inclosed unto his Lordship, which withe the acquitance of the said Favall or (*sic*) Rivers, or either of them, for the receipte thereof shalbe his Lordship's sufficient discharge in this behaulf. The dismissal of the levies.

This daie upon the apparence of George Winter againe before their Lordships according to their order of the xviijth of this presente, yt was by their Lordships nowe ordered that a new bonde should be taken of the saide George Winter by the which he is bounde to doe his indevour for the bringing forthe of John Winter, his son, to appere before their Lordships, which was accordinglie don and his former bond delivered unto him cancelled, the laste bonde remayning in the Councell Chest. Father and son.

xxx° Octobris, 1579, Starr Chamber.

Lord Chauncellor.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Comptroller.
Sir Walter Mildmay.

A letter to Aurthure (*sic*) Hall, esquire, for his apparence before their Lordships. A summons.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Councell in the Marches of Wales that where Robert Nedham and William Gerrard, esquires, Justices of Peace within the countie of Salopp, have latelie apprehended one Baker, a massing prieste, whome they have committed to the gaole at Shrewesburie, aboute whome they founde certen Popishe books, crucifixes, beades, &c., as shall appeare by the note herein inclosed, p. 649. Arrest of a priest.

which is supposed to be within the compas of the Statute, they are therfore required that they take order forthwith that he be proceaded withall according to the said Statute by vertue of their Commission (yf they have anie), or otherwise to staie him untill the next Assises in that countie and then to cause him to be proceaded withall accordingly. In the meane tyme, for their better informacion, they are to conferre with the said Justices and receive suche thinges from them as were taken from Baker at the tyme of his apprehension; their Lordships also thincke it meete before his arraignement that some paines be taken in thexamining of him for the furder boulting out of such furder matter as he is to be charged withall, the discovering of anie personnes with whome he maie have frequented in those partes, and what mainetenance he hath had among them, the care whereof is referred unto their good consideracions, &c.

Ultimo Octobris, 1579, Grenewiche.

Lord Admiral. Earl of Leicester.

A dispute settled.

Where there had depended in controversie betwene William Fearne of Temple Belwoode in the countie of Lincoln, gentleman, and Stephen Thimbleby, Recorder of the cittie of Lincoln, a matter concerning a lease of the parsonnage of Belton, the Lords of her Majesties Privie Councell committing the hearing thereof to the Lord Admirall and the Erle of Leycester, yt was by the said two Lords accordingly heard this daie and by them ended to the satisfaction of bothe parties.

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Primo Novembris, 1579.

Lord Chauncellor.
Lord Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Earl of Leicester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter to the Lord Maiour signifieng the sending unto him of the personne of one ——— Hide, a masterles man, who latelie uppon the highe waye betwene Oxforde and London did not only misbehave him self towards Mr. Comptroller, but since that tyme, accompanied with certen fensers, hathe offered to assault Mr. Henry Bellingham, one of her Majesties servantes in London; and for as muche as upon some examinacions of him he seemeth to be of verie badd behaviour otherwise, their Lordships have therfore thoght it good to have him committed to Bridewell, there to be ordered as other roges are accustomed in that place, and do require him to geve order to the Master of Bridewell for the receiving and ordering of him accordingly, and also that they do dilligentlie examyn him upon suche interrogatories as shall be sent from Mr. Comptroller and Mr. Bellingham unto them. A masterless man.

A letter unto the Erle of Bedforde that where Roberte Boyer, Maiour of the towne of Helston in Cornwall, by the inclosed peticion complainethe that for sundrie consideracions in the said peticion specified he had seased certen peeces of tynne as forfeited, the Receivor and Comptroller of the Stannarie did in forcible manner take him out of his house and comitte him unto the common gaole, where he is still remayning; their Lordships therfore thought it good (he being Warden of the Stannary) to committe the matter unto him and to pray him to examyn the same, and to take suche order therein as to his Lordship shall be thought meete. A Stannary case.

A letter to Mr. Atturney Generall sending him certen examinacions taken by Sir Richard Baker and others concerning somme lewde speches uttered by one Richard Lawles of Kent upon the publishing of the late Proclamacion againste the carrieng of dagges, &c.; he is therfore required to consider of the said speaches and how farr the said Lawles is to be touched for them in lawe, and The Proclamation against carrying pistols.

accordingly to certifie his opinion, that suche order may
p. 651. therein be taken as in justice shall appertaigne; and to the ende he maie the more particularly be informed bothe of the parties and the manner of the speaches, their Lordships have appointed the said Sir Richard Baker to resorte unto him and to acquainte him withe his knowledg thereof had upon the examining of the personnes by whome the said Lawles is charged.

Northern horse for Ireland.

A letter unto Mr. Glasier that wher by his letter of the xxvijth of October sent unto the Lord Threasurer their Lordships doe understande that he being at Liverpoole for the transporting of the remanent of the 200 horsemen appointed to passe into Irelande under the leading of Mr. William Norreys, he received direction from the Lord Chauncellour for the staying of them till he shall receive furder order from their Lordships, which is supposed to have proceaded of the greate numbers already in that Realme, more then necessarie for the presente service, with the difficultie of their victualling; albeit their Lordships doe verie well allowe of his care and foresight, and do intende upon conference with him to have the numbers deminished, yet because the most part of the horsemen under her Majestie's pay are of Irishe birthe, and not so fitt for the service as the Northeren horsemen are, he is required to cause them nevertheles to be fourthwith imbarqued and transported thither, where order is geven that so manie of the Irishe be cassed, and the Northeren men to serve in their places, which he is required to signifie unto the Lord Chauncellour yf he be yet in those partes.

A letter to the Lord Justice, &c., of Irelande, for the discharging of suche pensioners as are entred into paye since June last, or placing of them in bands and offices where voyde romes maye be, and bestowing of the 200 horsemen under Mr. Norrey's leading, and 100 footemen under Sir William Morgan's, &c., accordinge to a mynute remaining in the Councell Cheste.

Quarto Novembris, 1579, Starr Chamber. p. 652.

Lord Chauncellor.
Lord Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Earl of Leicester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The expenses of the Welsh recruits.

A letter to the Lord President of Wales that where a peticion hathe ben exhibited unto their Lordships by Richard and Morrice Guynne, gentlemen, appointed by his Lordship and the rest of the Councell in the Marches to have the leading of 300 of those soldiers appointed in North Wales for the service of Irelande, that they might have allowaunce of their reasonable charges expended for their travailing with them at two severall tymes to Chester uppon their owne charges, which their Lordships thincke meete shoulde be borne by the countries where they were leavied, as in the like hathe heretofore ben accustomed; his Lordship is therfore desired to geve order to the Justices of the Peace to advise how the same may be accordingly leavied, and to see the said Guynes satisfied of so muche towards their said charges as uppon viewe of their accomptes what they have expended they shall thincke reasonable.

A suspected person.

A letter to the Sheriffes of London that where there was not long since committed from their Lordships the wiefe of one Johnson, lately come into this Realme from the partes beyonde the seas, unto the custodie of Alderman Dixy, they are now required for certen consideracions to receive her at Mr. Dixi's hands, and thereupon committe her unto one of the Counters of the Cittie, there to remayne untill suche tyme as they shall receive other order from their Lordships to the contrarie.

Wrecking in Hants.

A placard to all officers to be ayding and assisting unto John Huffe, Walter Cade, and Phippe (*sic*) Grymes, part owners and merchauntes of a shippe called the Jesus of London, caste away nere unto Hurst Castle in Hampshire, for the

preserving of the good[s], making restitucion of so muche as shall have ben saved, either by the maryners of the shippe or thinhabitauntes of the countries thereaboutes; and where there was certen bagges of money in her at the tyme of her perishing, which perhapps maie have ben imbeselled, yf the merchauntes aforesaid shall suspecte anie evell dealing either in ther maryners or any other, then are they required to take bandes of them for their apparence before the Judg of thadmiralty, ther to be furder dealt withall according to justice, &c.

p. 653. Precautions at Portsmouth.

A letter to Sir Henry Radecliffe for the putting in a readines of her Majesties subjectes within the isle and towne of Portesmouthe, &c., according to a mynute in the Councell Cheste.

A letter to the Sheriffe and Justices of Peace within the countie of Southampton for the appoynting of the 300 shott trayned within that countie for the succor of the towne and isle of Portesmouthe, as also that the Hundreds of Titchfeild, Waltham Episcopi and Alderstoke, altered (*sic*) in the year 1574 for the defence of the sea coaste from Portesmouthe to Hamble, be againe appointed for the aide and succor of Portesmouthe, &c., according to the mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

The state of the Borders.

A letter to Sir John Forster to deliver unto Nicholas Errington, presently sent for her Majesties affaires unto the King of Scottes, in writing suche matter as he shalbe able to avowe for the answering of suche complaintes as are sent unto her Majestie from the said King touching the not doing of justice by her Majesties ministers on the Borders, &c., according to a mynute in the Councell Cheste.

Sexto Novembris, 1579, Starr Chamber.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Hunsdon.	Sir Walter Mildmay.

A letter to the Warden of the Fleete requiring him to enlarge the person of one John Price, committed unto hym from the Starr Chamber in Trinitie Terme laste, so as first bands be taken of him by the Clarke of the Starr Chamber to yelde him self prisonner to the Fleete againe the firste day of the next Terme, and during his enlargement do contynue him selfe within xxiiij^{tie} myles compasse nere London and not els where. Release on bail.

A letter to Sir John Throgmorton requiring him to sende some persen sufficiently instructed uppon Wensday next to the Starr Chamber to informe their Lordships of the cause why such orders as have ben by their Lordships taken betwene him, Mr. Putenham, and the said lady are not performed accordingly, and such somes of money by him not payed unto her as was aggreed uppon before their Lordships, that thereuppon they understanding the cause may take some other course for the satisfaction of the said lady. Lady Windsor's case.

A letter unto Mr. Atturney Generall requiring him to drawe a licence to be signed by her Majestie for the permiting of the merchauntes trading Spayne & Portingall to retaile suche seckes and other sweete wynes as they cannot vent unto the vinteners of the Cittie, althoughe they have offered the said wynes at vj^{li} x^{s} the butte, and good dayes of payment, as also bycause that burdensome quantitie which nowe they have remayning uppon their handes, with their furder provision nowe coming oute of Spayne for this yeare, not having meanes to vent the same, would be a greate hinderaunce and prejudice to the said merchauntes, as in good reason yt appearethe unto them by a certificat sent unto their Lordships from the Lord Maiour, unto whome they committed thexaminacion of a peticion exhibited unto their Lordships for this pourpose by the said merchauntes trading Spayne. p. 654. The Spanish wine trade.

A letter to Sir John Davers, knight, William Daniel and Michael Erneley, signifieng that by the inclosed peticion A charge of murder.

they shall understand the complainte of one John Bordman of Marleboroughe concerning the murdering of his sonne by one Richard Brindson of the same towne, whome the Maiour of Marleboroughe and one Cornull have of late sett at libertie, so as he is suffered indirectly to labor (*sic*) certen wittnes that are to testefie against him in this facte, and furder prosecuteth the said Bordman for the cause aforesaid; they are therefore required, repairing to Marleborough, effectually to examyn the contentes of the said complainte, and yf it shall appeare trewe then to take order that the said Brinson be againe comitted to prison, and after they shall have examined the said wittnesses according to the desire of the peticioner, presently to certifie unto their Lordships what they finde, together with their opinions of the matter, that suche order may therein be taken by their Lordships as shalbe aggreable withe justice.

The House of Correction at Winchester.

A letter to the Deane of Winchester for a collection to be made among the spiritualtie of that Dioces for a stocke to be contynued in the Howse of Correction lately erected at Winchester by the laytie of that county, according to the mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

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* The viij^{the} of November delivered by the said merchauntes unto the Clarke of the Councel to be registered in the Councel Booke.

A generall acquittance made by Thomas Tynnacre, attorney for certen subjectes of the King of Denmarke in a cause of depredacion, and delivered unto the merchauntes of London trading to the Easte Partes, testifieng a full satisfaction and discharge of all suche losses as the subjectes of the said King in this case had sustayned, as followethe:—

Danish claims settled.

Be it knowen unto all men by theise presentes that I, Thomas Tynneker, atturney and mandatorie for Paule Whitefeilde, a noble man of Denmarke, and Richard Wederborn, merchaunte, in a cause of depredacion committed by one Callis, an Englishe pirate, upon a shippe called the Golden

* Original marginal note.

Lyon belonging to the said Poule and Richard, have received and had before the daie of the date hereof of the right honorable Mr. Thomas Wilson, esquire, one of her Majesties Principall Secretaries, the full somme of five hundred five poundes seven shillinges and ten pence of lawfull money of Englande, and is for the rest of all suche money as by the valuacion of the Alderman of the Stilliarde, John Foxall, William Cockayne and Hughe Offley, merchauntes of London, to whome by the appointement of the Lordes of her Majesties most honourable Privie Councell the same was committed, and by John Petterson, atturney also of the said Paule and Richard, was aggreed uppon to be payed to the said Paule and Richard in full discharge and satisfaction of all suche losses, hinderance and damages as they the said Paule and Richard sustayned by reason of the piracie aforesaid. In wittnes whereof I, the said Thomas Tynneker, have hereunto sett my hande and seale the last daye of the monthe of October, 1579, and in the xxjth year of the rayne of our Sovereigne Lady Elizabethe, by the grace of God Quene of England, Fraunce and Irelande, Defender of the Faithe, &c.

(Signed) By me, THOMAS TENNEKER.

Octavo Novembris, 1579. p. 656.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	

A letter to Mr. Errington, signifieng that by a letter inclosed of the laste of October sent unto the Lord Hunsdon from John Selby, their Lordships are geven to understande of a late spoyle committed by the Scottes upon her Majesties subjectes of the towne of Manylawes, within the Border troubles.

East Marches, as shall appeare more at larg unto him by the said petition; forasmuch as he is presently appointed to repeire unto the King of Scottes with her Majesties letters and instructions concerning other matters, with charg also to deale withe the said King and his Councell for justice to be done upon certen disordered personnes, his subjectes, for like spoiles and robberies latelie committed upon the Borders, her Majesties pleasure also is that upon the receipte hereof he shall consider of the contentes of the said inclosed letter, and informe him self particulerly from Mr. Selby of the manner of the said outeraige, and at his arrivall in Scotland to acquainte the Councell of that Realme therewithe, and earnestlye to require satisfaction and justice thereof to be don as appertainethe, declaring unto them that, unles spedy reformacion be had on their sides of theis disorders, her Majestie shalbe constrained to take some suche extraordinarie course as she woulde be lothe to enter into, which he is required with all earnestnes to signifie unto them, to the ende it may appear that her Majestie neither can nor will tollerate suche great injuries to be don to her subjectes.

A charge of robbery.

A letter to the Lord Chandos, Sir Nicholas Pointes, Sir Richard Barkley, knightes, Richard Arnold, Walter Compton, and John Higford, esquires, or any three of them, to examyn a matter of a robbery committed upon one Joan Huntley and William Wolley (*sic*), which letter was sent from their Lordships the third of October last to Sir Nicholas Pointes, Sir Richard Barkley, Richard Pates and Thomas Throgmorton, and for that ther was some impediment that they could not meete together, the said letter was renewed to the Commissioners above named this daye.

p. 657.

Ships to be paid off.

A warrant unto the Lord Threasurer to deliver to Edward Bashe, esquire, the some of xlij^{li} for the revictualling of the Foresight, her Majesties shippe come oute of Irelande unto Portesmouthe, where she remaynethe with foure score men, and cannot be brought aboute unto Gillingham

unles she may be revictualled, which is accordingly appointed for xxj dayes, the said xlij^{li} to be payd out of the Privy Seale remayning in his Lordship's hands for the service of Irelande, &c.

A like warrant unto the Lord Threasurer to paye out of the said Privie Seale the somme of lvij^{li} xiiij^{s} x^{d} for the charges of a small barque called the Sea Bright, imployed for the transporting of certen munición for the provision of her Majesties shippes sent into Ireland under the charge of Sir John Perrotte, the said lvij^{li} xiiij^{s} x^{d} to be payed unto Luke Ward, gentleman, under whose charg the said barque was conducted as aforesayd.

Forgery of Lord Pembroke's seal.

A letter unto Thomas Revell, Sheriffe of the countie of Pembroke, John Barlowe, Morgan Phillippes, John Wogan of Bolston, and Eygnok Phillippes, or any two of them, that where Georg Owens of that countie, gentleman, is accused for counterfeyting of the greate seale of armes of William Erle of Pembroke, first of that name, as also for forging of certen charter deedes, &c., to the greate prejudice of the freeholders of the lordship of Kaymise, they are therfore required with all dilligence upon the receipt hereof to repeire unto the howse of the said Owens, and after they shall have apprehended him, dilligently to searche the coffers and other places within the said howse where any writinges shall be supposed to remayne, and all suche writinges, seales, exemplificacions under the Greate Seale of Englande, blanckes, signed, or other writinges whatsoever carrieng any suspicion to be by them seased and safely sent hether, together with the person of the said Owens; they are also required to examyn suche persons as shalbe nominated unto them by William Guynne of Rikerston of their knowledg concerning the said forgeries, and of suche as they shall find to have ben anie way dealers therein to take bands in good somes of money to her Majesties use for their apparence before their Lordships, and to sende their examynacions unto their Lordships.

p. 658. *Nono Novembris*, 1579, Grenewiche.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilton.
Lord Hunsdon.	

Frobisher's cargo.

A letter to William Borroughe that where the bote with the leade oare of Caldbecke, for aditament in this triall to be now made of the Northwest oare at Dartforde, being as their Lordships are geven to understande safelie arrived, the Queen's pleasure is that he take order that they do therewithe proceade oute of hande and with all speede possible to the making of the said triall, whereof he is required to have a speciall care, and so to looke unto yt that her Majestie maie be truly and particulerly informed of the whole doinges therein; and for that their Lordships thincke it meete before the workes begyn that all the Adventurers make payment of suche sommes of money as they are severally sessed at, he is required also that he repeire unto every of them that hathe not already payed to demaunde the same, which yf any of them shall refuse to deliver, then to require his hand writing to testifie his deniall for his owne discharg, or otherwise to take witnesses thereof.

xj° Novembris, 1579, Star Chamber.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Admiral.	Sir Ralf Sadler.
Earl of Leicester.	Sir Walter Mildmay.

The Foresight to be paid off.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer that where the Foresight is presently arrived in Portesmouthe from Irelande under the charge of Capten Peirce, where she is to be revictualled for xxj daies to be broght about to Chatham, forasmuch as of 180 men returned in her there is 100 discharged, and the reste appointed for the bringing about of the said shippe, the charges whereof, with some other disbursed

by the Capten, do amounte unto lxxiiij^{li} xx^{s}, his Lordship is desired, out of the Privie Seale remayning in his handes for the service of Ireland, to paye unto John Hawkins, Threasurer of her Majesties Navy, the said somme of lxxiiij^{li} xx^{s}, and this their Lordships letter to be his sufficient warrant and discharg in this behaulf.

Two warrantes to all the officers whatsoever, requiring them to see William Bucton and Thomas Fantleroy, servantes unto Sir Henry Wallope, knight, Threasurer at Warres in the Realme of Irelande, (unto whom there is committed certen treasure to be transported thither for her Highnes' service), provided of sufficient cartes with teemes, &c., and horses, bothe for poste and journey, and a sufficient number of men for the garding thereof from place to place to the sea side, where the same is to be imbarqued, and there also to see them provided of good and convenient shipping, with suche other thinges necessarie as they shall require at their handes for better performaunce of the charg committed unto them, and thereof not to faile. p. 659. Treasure for Ireland.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwich that where upon the receipt of his letters of the xxviijth of October in answer of theirs written in the behalf of James Rosier, parson of Sproghton, their Lordships called the said Rosier before them, together with his Lordship's Archdeacon, who (besides the matters contayned generally in the said letter) hath objected furder matter of misdemeanure against his Lordship, which appering to be true, their Lordships thoght it good to referr him and his cause unto suche triall as shall fall out before his Lordship and the rest of the Highe Commissioners there. An ecclesiastical case.

A letter to the Lord Maiour that where Thomas Nicholas in the maioraltie of Sir James Hawes had a veredicte against Robert Tindall in an action of the case for the some of xxxv^{li}, and by indirecte meanes of some personnes namyd in the peticion inclosed judgment was stayed, he is therefore required to examyn whether anie suche Alleged delay of justice.

veredicte were geven or not, and yf there were, for what cause the judgment upon the said veredicte was stayed; and yf it shall appeare that Nicholas his informacion be true, then to consider howe justice may fourthwith have her orderly course, and accordingly to se hym satisfied.

The Bishop of Lincoln.

A letter to the Bishop of Lincoln that where upon the sight of his letter of the third of October contayning matter of certen misdemeanure of Arthure Hall towards his Lordship, their Lordships sent for him and charged him therewith; and albeit he partelie confesseth that he refused to receive his letters directed unto him for his apparence before his Lordship, which he did for certen consideracions, and nevertheles acknowledgethe his faulte therein committed, yet where he is charged to have used certen contemptuous speches of his Lordship at Ancaster viz: "Yf Mr. Bushoppe trompe at me in this wise (meaning his dealing by their Lordships' order aboute the boke) I wil trompe at him and make his exercises knowen to the Quene," he flatly denieth the speaking of any suche wordes, and therfore their Lordships have thought good to make staye of him here, and in the meane while to require him to lett their Lordships understand yf any person there be that will advowe before their Lordships that he hath heard the said speaches uttered by Mr. Hall, and send their names unto their Lordships, and yf uppon their apparence their Lordships shall finde these wordes to have ben spoken by Mr. Hall, then suche order shalbe taken as shalbe agreable with the quallitie of his offence and reparacion of his Lordship's creditte, yf hereby it shall have any way ben touched.

p. 660.

* 14 November, 1579.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	Sir Walter Mildemay.

* The date and names are given in the margin.

A letter to Sir Lionel Duckett and Sir Richard Pipe, knightes, Aldermen of the Cittie of London, that where in March last at the humble suite of the merchauntes and inhabitauntes of the towne of Portesmouthe ther was graunted unto them Letters Patentes for a generall collection to be made throughe out the Realme for their reliefe, and thereupon letters written to the Bushoppes throughe-out the Realme to cause a collection to be made accordingly within their severall Diocesses, and the sommes of money to be collected to be sent unto them, to thintent the said sommes should be delivered over and payed unto Richard Jarvis and Thomas Poyner, or either of them, to the use of the reste of the said merchauntes and inhabitauntes, and they to allowe unto the bringers thereof after the rate of iiij^{d} the pounde for the portage thereof; they are therefore required that suche sommes of money as either are or shall come to their handes from anie of the said Bushoppes as parte of the said collection be payed unto the said R. Jarvis and Thomas Poyner, or either of them, taking their acquitaunce for the receipt thereof, and theise their Lordships' letters together withe their acquitaunces shall be your sufficient discharg in this behaulf. The collection for Portsmouth.

Decimo quinto Novembris, 1579.

Lord Chancellor. Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Threasurer. Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter unto the Lord Cheife Justice that where by the inclosed peticion their Lordships understande that one Richard Allen dothe presentlie sue an attainte of a jury in her Majesties Benche, by which jurie about three yeares past a verdicte was geven against the said Allen upon an action of debte at the suite of one Henry Woodwarde, forasmuch as the said jurie complaineth that diverse practises have ben used by the said Allen indirectly to steale an attainte uppon them, which is verie shortlie to be tryed before him, and for that the recorde of their veredicte is A verdict disputed.

long, some of their wittnesses out of London, and Mr. Dalton, now prisonner in the Fleete, a speciall wittness in their behaulf whome they desire to have examined by some indifferent personnes upon certen articles which he shall receive herewith, and therfore desire to have their triall respited for certen dayes for the better answering of their cause; their Lordships have therfore thought good to sende the same unto him and to require him to have consideracion thereof, and to allowe unto them some fyve or six daies respite from the daie he hathe appointed for hearing of the matter to prepare them selves by calling and examining the said wittness, and perusing of the recorde according to their desire, and in the meane while
p. 661. their Lordships thincke it meete that he do appointe Mr. Justice Ayliffe, with one more to be nominated by the Lord Chauncellor, to repeire unto the Fleet to examyn the said Dalton uppon the articles aforesaide.

xvj^to^ Novembris, 1579.

Lord Chauncellor.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The harbour of Hastings.

Two Letters Patentes to all officers that where their Lordships are credibly informed that diverse somes of money have ben by Letters Patentes from her Majestie gathered towards the repeiring of the haven of Hastinges in Sussex, which are detained in the handes of the Sheriffes, Undersheriffes, Connestables, and other officers and collectors within sundrie counties, by the lacke whereof the worke being in good forwardnes is likely to runne to utter ruyn, for the advauncing whereof the said towne and other personnes have delivered greate quantities of victualls to the valewe of 2000*li*, which not being answered they are like utterly to be undon; they are therfore required, or anie two of them, unto whome John ———, Bayliffe of the said towne, and

Richard Cavely, one of the Jurates there, shall repeire unto them (*sic*) with theise letters, to send fourthwith unto the Highe Sheriffe, and by vertue hereof to require him to deliver over unto the said —— ——— and Caveley, or either of them, suche somes of money as have ben collected and do remayne in his handes, and also to examyn what like sommes do remaine in the hande of any Undersherife, Connestables, &c., who have had the gathering of the sayd collection, and uppon proofe of any such somes remayning in their hands, to cause them to make presente payment thereof unto the parties aforesaid, or either of them, which yf they shall refuse to doe, then to take bands of them for their apparence immediately before their Lordships, that suche furder order may be taken with them as shall appertayne.

A letter to the Judg of thadmiraltie that wher Robert Bate, master of the Primrose of Hull, lately fraghted to the Narte by certen merchauntes of London, hathe exhibited the peticion inclosed unto their Lordships desiring Thomas Alen, her Majesties merchaunt, by whome the one half is dewe, may be delt withall for the answering of the said fraight, according to suche order and rates as Alderman Barnes, Christopher Hoddeson and others have for their haulf yeilded unto before him; he is therefore required to call the said Allen before him and to deale with him by suche convenient meanes as he may to induce him to the like order that he hath don with the reste, which if he shall not be able to do, then is he to certifie the same unto their [Lordships], and the causes of his refusall, that they may take suche order therein as shalbe aggreable with justice. A mercantile case.

A letter to the Erle of Shrewesburie that where his Lordships tenauntes of his manner of Glossopdale have againe at this presente made verie earneste meanes unto their Lordships to be contynued in their holdes under his Lordship, which he is in some sorte contented to yelde unto, making exception only againste Botham, Southe, Meller and Jackson, which foure he is resolved to displace as p. 662. Lord Shrewsbury's tenants.

kindelers of this contention; in the behalf of which foure, yf anie of them be of the number of those of whome their Lordships make choyce for the following of their causes here before their Lordships, then do they pray his Lordship that their attendance here by their Lordships' comandement may be no cause to move him to deale more hardly with them then with the reste, the same tending to the utter undoing of the poore men and their families, and therfore have thoght good to referre them altogether unto his Lordship, and to advise them to submitte them selves duetifully to his Lordship and suche order as shoulde be by him taken for the assuraunce of their livinges.

An appeal. A letter to Mrs. Harper that where one Jerman Watson did holde, in the right of him selfe and his mother, a certen tenement with the appertenances in Willington within the county of Derby, which by the decease of her husband is fallen unto her as parte of her joynter, and his mother and the said Jermyn disseased thereof, forasmuche as they are verie poor, and the said tenement the only stay of their living, she is desired the rather at this their Lordships' motion to suffer them to enjoye the said tenemente, &c., paying only their former rentes in as ample manner as they did in her late husband's tyme, making unto them suche sufficient assurance thereof as conveniently she may.

An arbitration. A letter to Mr. Doctor Dale and Mr. Doctor Lewys to examyn a matter betwene Sir Henry Radeclif, knighte, and Mr. Heall and Mr. Hawkins of Plymouth, according to the mynute in the Counsell Chest.

p. 663. xvijth of November, 1579.

Lord Chauncellor.
Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.
Earl of Warwick.
Earl of Leicester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Lord Ormonde in Munster.

A letter to the Lord Justice that wher by a memoriall sent from his Lordship, as Justice of that Realme, and therle of Ormond by Capten Fenton, their Lordships amonge other things understande of the placing of the said Erle in Mounster as Governour in that Province and Generall of the army there, with certen bands to the number of 1,000 in soldiers, which being muche decayed by sycknes, &c., it is desired that 300 footemen more be sent over fourthwith for the suplyeng of the deffectes of the said bandes, whereupon their Lordships, considering the numbers alreadie in paye within that Realme to be greater then at anie tyme hathe been seen, and more then the country maie well serve for the difficultie of their victualling, their Lordships have thought good, by way of advise, to lett his Lordship understande that they thincke it convenient that oute of the reste of the footemen remaining in that Realme he would make choyce of so many of the hableste and beste furnished as maie supply the defectes of the said Erle's forces, which their Lordships wishe to be don with all convenient expedicion, which their Lordships thincke he maye safelie doe, considering the greate numbers there in pay, otherwise their Lordships would not forbeare to sende him the said number, or more yf he should neede, whereunto their Lordships are the more inclyned because, at the tyme of the coming thence of Capten Fenton, Sir William Morgan's band of 100 footemen and the 200 horsemen were not arryved, as their Lordships do certenlie thincke they are before this tyme.

The Beacons in the West and the defence of Plymouth.

A letter to the Erle of Bedforde that where by his Lordship's letter of the xjth of November his Lordship desireth to have their Lordships' direction for the discontynuing of the watching of the Beacons within the counties of Devon and Cornewall, their Lordships do verie well like that he cause the same to cesse, hoping neverthelesse upon anie occasion of doubte to be had in these partes he will have p. 664. regarde to see the watching of them renewed according as necessitie shall require; and where his Lordship desirethe to knowe their resolucions touching St. Nicholas Islande,

which in their letters of the xviijth of October their Lordships thought they had fully signified, which was that, considering the said Islande standethe specially for the defence of the haven of Plimouthe, their Lordships thought it beste that the garde thereof should be committed to the Maiour and inhabitauntes of Plimouthe, and so remaine during her Majesties pleasure, and in the meane while his Lordship to geve order that the said Castle shold be delivered unto them accordingly, and to certifie unto their Lordships what artillery and munition is remayning within the said Castle, what number of men will serve for the same, and how it maye be borne, which they desire to understande from his Lordship as soone as conveniently they maie; and this their Lordships' resolucion they thincke best to put in execucion unles his Lordship shall signifie anie good cause it should be altered, and yf anie suche cause there be, then is his Lordship to signifie the same unto them, that such order maie therein be taken as shall appertayne, otherwise he may followe this their Lordships' firste direction.

p. 665. *xxij° Novembris*, 1579, Greenwiche.

Lord Chancellor.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Admiral.	Sir Henry Sidney.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Piracy. A letter of assistaunce of proces owte of her Majesties Courte of the Admiraltie in the behaulf of certaine inhabitaunts of the towne of Ancusan, in Holland, against one Gilbert Horseley, a pirate, by whome they weare spoyled of a flie boate of the burden of lxij tonnes, with certeine fishe and other goodes to the value of eight hundereth poundes, &c., &c.

A Letter Patent for the searching and finding owte of certeine goodes and merchandizes appertaigning unto one Thomas Glide of Ipswiche, spoyled by one Samuell Bigges

alias Holland a notorious pirate, and for the sequestring of the said goodes untill sufficient proofe shalbe made in her Majesties Courte of the Admiraltie for the proprietie of the said goodes, &c.

A letter unto Mr. Moore of Grantham that wheras their Lordships weare given to understand from the Lord Bisshopp of Lyncoln of certeine speeches of reproache that weare uttered against him by Arthure Hall, which speaches weare avowed to have bene uttered in his presence and to divers others, willing him to make his personall apparaunce before their Lordships, and to bring with him any suche other personns as will affirme the speaking of the said wordes and speaches by the said Arthure Hall, as they have bene by him self reported unto the said Lord Bisshopp and avouched to be trewe, &c. The Bishop of Lincoln.

A warrant to the Warden of the Fleete for the receving of the personns of * ————————, to remayne prisoners untill that he shall receave further order from their Lordships for theire enlargement, &c. p. 666.

xxiij° Novembris, 1579, Greenwich.

A Committee of Council.

The Lord Tresurer.
The Lord Admiral.
The Lord Chamberlane.
The Earl of Leycester.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Appointed by her Majesties speciall commaundement to consult of the affaires of Irland.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Ireland for the prosecuting of the warr against the Earl of Desimond, &c., according to the minute in the Councell Chest. Lord Desmond's rising.

Two letters, the one to Sir Henry Radecliff, knight, Capitane of Portesmouth, the other to Sir Edward Horsey, knight, Capitane of the Isle of Wight, for the sending of

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ij barkes to the sea to discover the preparacion made in Spaine, according to the minute in the Councell Chest.

A letter to Sir Owen O'Sulivan, knight, in aunswer of a letter written to the Earl of Leycester of the 25th of October last, wherby ther Lordships perceaving his dutifull affection to her Majesties service commend him for the same, and pray him to continew the same in any occasion which shalbe offred ether for her Majesties service or for the shewing of his own loyalty; and wheras he complaineth of certain injuryes done unto him by some of the company of Sir Humfrey Gilbert, knight, ther Lordships promise that if they shall find ether the said Sir Humfrey or any under his countenance culpable of any such matter wherewith hee is charged, they will deal with him according as the justice of the cause shall require.

* A letter to the Lord Justice to appoint some whom he shall think meet to examine the wronges which Sir Owen O'Sullivan complaineth to have bene done unto him by Sir Humfrey Gilbert, and to certify the examinations dewly taken to their Lordships.

p. 667. *xxiij° Novembris*, 1579, Greenwich.

The Lord Chauncellor.	Sir Henry Sideney.
The Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Tresurer.
The Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Earl of Leycester.	Mr. Vicechamberlane.
The Lord of Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The corn trade. A letter to the Commissioners for the Restraint of Grain and Victual within the county of Northampton that where the Lords weare informed of great quantities of grain allredy imbarqued to bee transported out of that county, and more redy to be imbarqued shortly, their Lordships require them and charge them in her Majesties name upon

* This entry has afterwards been struck out.

the receipt of their letters forthwith to cause diligent serch to be made in all partes of that coast (*sic*) to thend that all such grain as is allredy imbarqued to be transported may be staied, and none heerafter suffered to passe, any licence or graunt ether from her Majestie or their Lordships to the contrary notwithstanding.

An ecclesiastical case.

A letter to the Commissioners for Causes Ecclesiasticall in the Dioces of Canterbury to cite peremptorily William Darrell, Prebendary of the Church of Canterbury, before them for certain horrible offences committed by him, &c., according to the minute in the Councell Chest.

The cost of removing prisoners.

A letter to Justice Southcotte that where in Auguste laste the person of Frauncis Trigeon, then prisoner in Lanceston, upon his earneste suite, as well by virtue of a *habeas corpus* out of her Majesties Benche as as also by their Lordships' letters directed to the keeper of the said gaole, was removed therehence unto the prison of her Majesties Benche, and brought with sufficient gard at the charges of the said keeper unto his howse in the countie of Essex, wher the said Trigeon was delivered unto him, since which tyme the keeper hathe attended here to be answered his charges in bringing of him up, which he refusethe alleaging his inhabillitie; forasmuche as the same was don at his owne suite and for his safety their Lordships' thincke it meete that the charges in that behaulf disbursed by the keeper be borne by Trigeon or his friends, and therefore he is required (after he shall have rated and examined the accomptes of the said keeper sent herewith unto him), to send the same unto Trugeon, and to signifie unto him that unles he will presently content the sayd keper he shall imediatly be returned unto Lanceston againe p. 668. from whence he came; and where their Lordships understande that there is lately graunted out of the said Court a like processe for the removing of the person of one Thomas Harris, prisonner in the gaole aforesaid, their Lordships thincke it good to signifie unto him that they thincke

it not convenient that Harris should be removed, but that he receive his due triall for suche offences as he is charged withall there within the said countie, and that hereafter no person whatsoever be removed from the place where they are by lawe to receive their triall, unles it shall be uppon urgent causes, and the consideracion first to be had how the charges of their conveying may be defrayed; and with this parte of their Lordships' letters he is required to acquainte the rest of the Justices of the Benche, to thende that hereafter they may hereafter (*sic*) take order accordingly, and for the staying of the said processe for the removing of Harris that ther be fourthwith a *supersedeas* directed oute of that Courte.

* *Postscript.* Their Lordships' meaning is yf the said Harris have already received his judgment and hathe been tryed in the sayd countie, that then he be not removed, but yf he hathe not yet received his triall there, then may they nevertheles sende for him and remove him for his triall in her Majesties sayd Benche.

Grant of an office in reversion.

A letter to the Lord Maiour, &c., in the behaulf of John Sturgeon, that where not longe since their Lordships directed their letters unto the late Lord Maiour, his predecessor, and the Aldermen, his brethren, in the favour of John Sturgeon to be placed in the office of Clarque of the Chamber of London, graunted unto him in reversion in the year 1565 by his predecessor and the Alderman for the tyme then being, they are therefore required at their Lordships' instance to admite the said Sturgeon to the office aforesaid, according to his former graunte, &c.

Lady Derby's debts.

A letter to the Lord Maiour that where the Countesse of Darby restethe at this presente indebted unto sundry persones within the Cittie, whose names with their severall somes contained in a schedule sent herein inclosed, for the payment whereof diverse personnes are become suerties and thereby, as the lady informethe, are dailie molested by her creditours; their Lordships do therfore thincke good

* Original marginal note.

to pray his Lordship by vertue hereof to call fourthwith before him all and every the said creditours, and to use all the good meanes he can to induce them to forbeare for a tyme either to trouble the said lady or moleste by suite of lawe, &c., any of the ladies said suerties either for the principall debte or penaltie, until with her Majesties p. 669.
good favor the lady may be enlarged, and yf hereunto by his Lordship's travell they shall be brought to condescende it shall on their Lordships' partes be well accepted and he deserve thainckes for his paynes taken therein.

xxiiij^to^ Novembris, 1579.

Lord Threasurer.	Earl of Leicester.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter of thanckes unto the Archbishop of Dublyn signifying her Majesties good acceptacion of his care and paines taken in this late service against the traiterouse actions of James Fitzmorrice and the Desmonds, &c. The Desmond rising.

A like letter of thanckes unto the Bishop of Methe.

A letter of thanckes unto the Maiour of Dublin signifieng her Majesties good acceptacion of his care and paines taken in the good executing of suche orders as have ben devised by the Lord Justice and Councell there in the tyme of theise traieterouse actions of James Fitzmorrice and the Desmonds, &c., requiring him that in consideracion of the unseasonablenes of the tyme of sowing of graine, whereby scarcetie of graine may growe as well here as within that Realme of Irelande, and for that it shall be needefull for the feeding of the soldiers there, upon contynuance of theise winter warres, that some convenient masse of graine be provided and kept within that cittie, their Lordships do thincke meete and so do require him that among them selves they make provision of such good quantities of wheate and malte, to be kept in garnours within the said cittie

to be in a readines to furnishe the soldiers in those partes upon anie occasion of necessitie.

A like letter of thanckes to the Maiour of the towne of Drougheda, with the like order for the provision of graine.

A letter to the noblemen, knightes, esquiers and other the inhabitauntes of the counties of Dublyn, Methe, West Methe, Loughe and Kildare, geving them thankes for their loyaltie and forwardnes in this her Majesties service, &c., according to a mynute remaining in the Councell Cheste.

An Irish grant. A letter unto the Lord Justice of Irelande that where Ambrose Forthe, gentleman, one of the Masters of the Chauncery and Judge of the Admiraltie there, hathe geven their p. 670. Lordships to understande, he being farmer of certen of the Crowne lands and hereditaments there for the which he is a suitor unto her Majestie to have an estate in reversion, he is put in doubt that those thinges or some parte of them which he holdethe in lease in *esse* are like to be taken in reversion over his head by suche personnes as are to pass books there, it is signified unto him that their Lordships cannot allowe of suche as shall attempt the same, and doe therefore require his Lordship not only not to suffer such parcells as the said Ambrose nowe enjoyeth to passe unto anie man in reversion from him, but also to furder him in his juste and honest causes, &c.

An Irish appointment. A letter to the Lord Justice on the behaulf of Robert Garvey that where it pleased the Quenes Majestie, by her letters to Sir William Drury, his predecessor, to geve order for the placing of the said Garvey in the Chauncery there as one of the Masters of the same, which by reason of his deathe tooke not that effecte that appertayned, so as Garvey rest unplaced; their Lordships do therefore signifie unto him the contynuance of her Majesties gratiouse favour towards him, and do therefore require him upon the sight of her Majesties letters to cause him to be placed accordingly, and theise, together with that her Majesties letter, shalbe his sufficient discharg in that behaulf.

A letter to the Lord Justice that where their Lordships understand by a letter written to the Erle of Leycester from Sir Owen O'Sulvan of sundrie injuries don unto him by the company of Sir Humfry Gilbert as (*sic*) his last being inthat Realme, by killing a gentleman of his and wounding of his brother almost to deathe; forasmuche as their Lordships are desirouse to be informed of the particularities thereof, he is therfore required to geve order to some suche persons as he shall thincke meete for the examyning thereof by calling the said Sir Owen and suche witnesses as may be produced for the testifieng of the truthe of the matter, and, their examinacion don, to certifie the same unto his Lordship, whereof he is required to advertise their Lordships and to send hether a copie of the examinacions which they shall have taken unto their Lordships, to then[d] yf it shall appeare by just proofe that the said Sir Humfry, or any going under his countenance, be culpable of the matters wherwith they are charged they maie deale with them according to justice, whereunto they are the rather moved for that they finde the said Sir Owen duetifully inclined to her Majesties service in that Realme. Sir H. Gilbert in Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Justice to deale with Sir Henry Harrington to make surrender of Sillelye unto the Erle of Kildare, according to the mynute in the Councell Cheste.

A warrante unto the Lord Threasurer to paie unto the Maiour of Bristoll, or the bearer hereof to his behofe, the some of clxiij^{li} xiiij^{s} vj^{d} disbursed by the said Maiour towards the victualling and for coate and conducte money for certen soldiers appointed to be imbarqued there for the service of Irelande. p. 671. The recruits from Bristol.

xxv^{o} Novembris, Starr Chamber.

The Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Tresurer.
The Earl of Leycester.	Mr. Vicechamberlane.
The Lord of Hunsdon.	Sir Walter Myldmay.

An enquiry.

A letter to the Lord Thomas Powlet to examine the corrupt dealinges committed by Christopher Escott, &c., according to the minute in the Councell Chest.

Sir J. Throgmorton's enclosures.

A letter to Sir Thomas Lucy, knight, and Mr. John Talbott, esquier, that whearas theare hathe bene a matter in controversie betwene Sir John Throckmorton, knight, and the tennantes of her Majesties Forest of Fekenham in the county of Worcester, and that the tennantes have complayned before their Lordships of greate wronges done unto them by the said Sir John Throckmorton and one William Bell, his servaunte, as more playnly appereth by the peticion sent unto them and likewise by the informacion of the complanantes them selves, and for that the matter requireth some longe tyme of hearinge, their Lordships being trobled with affairs of greater importaunce, and that also the parties them selves have mad choise of thoase twoo for the compounding and hearing of the matters between them, their Lordships require them to call before them some of the principall tennauntes of the said Forrest, and on Sir John Throgmorton's parte suche as he shall depute for that purpose, especially William Bell, his servaunte, and after the dewe hearing and examyning of all suche witnesses and proofes as may be produced for testefying the trewthe, to doe their best endevours to make an ende of the controversie betwixt them, and yf any of them shall refuse, to advertise their Lordships in whome the default ys, &c.

Irregularities in Kent.

A letter to Sir Thomas Fane and Sir Richard Baker, knightes, Thomas Fane and Thomas Lloid, esquiers, that wheare their Lordships weare informed by a Bill of Complainte exhibited unto them of divers wronges and harde
p. 672. dealinges offered by Mr. Payne, one of her Majesties Gentlemen Pencyoners, unto one Edward Horden of Gouldherse in the county of Kente, the particulareties whearof appeare unto them by the said Bill, and for so muche as without hearing of the proofes on bothe sides their Lordships should be fare unhable to understand the trewe state of the matter,

and that the trewthe therof coulde not be examyned in any place then wheare the wronges weare said to be done; their Lordships require them iiij, by vertue of their letters, to call bothe parties before them and all suche wytnesses and proofes as may be produced on ether side for testefying of the trewthe, and to use all the good meanes they may for the better understanding thearof, and likewise whoe have bene principall doers in the cutting and distroying of a timber worke of a certaine place called the Poolbay, and uppon good informacion had of the trewe state therof to doe theire best indevours to set good order and agrement betwene them, having regard unto justice, and in case they shall not be able so to doe ether by reason of the obstenatnes of the parties or for other respectes, to certefie theire Lordships of theire whole proceedings, and wherin or in whome the faulte lyeth, &c.

A controversy as to land.

A letter to the Lord Marquis of Winchester, &c., to examine a matter in controversie betwene betwene (*sic*) one Roger Wright and his wief and one Mr. Lewson concerning a certen assurance of lande, and to make some convenient ende thereof betwene them, according to a minute in the Councell Cheste.

Wrecking in Thanet.

A letter to Richard Barey, John Finnox, John Crispe, esquires, &c., to cause restitucion to [be] made of certen goodes and merchandis spoyled and taken out of three hulkes driven on shore about the Downes by the inhabitantes of the Isle of Tennett and others there aboutes, according to a more ample note of the said letter remaining with the peticion exhibeted unto the Lords in the Councell Cheste.

A false charge.

Whereas Samuell Stanley, gentleman, of Thowersby in the countye of Nottingham, had aboute Maye laste accused John Bowes of Elfforde within the said county, esquire, of certen disordered speeches to have ben by him uttered, wherein the creditte of the said John Bowes appered to have ben greatlie towched if the said Stanley coulde have proved the

said speeches againste him; forasmuche as then the said Bowes was clered of the said speaches by Mathewe Bab-
p. 673. bington of Tinmor in the countye of Stafford, gentleman, in the presence of theyr Lordships, the said Bowes this daye besought their Lordships that for the slander brought against him by Stanley he mighte have that remedye againste him that lawe in that behalf did allow him, yt was thereuppon by their Lordships ordered that the said Stanley should the next Starr Chamber Daye be called before them, and then be committed and so to receve suche furder punishement for his offence as in lawe and justice appertayned.

Ultimo Novembris, 1579, Starr Chamber.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	Sir Walter Mildmay.

The High Commissioners.

A letter to the Commissioners for Causes Ecclesiasticall within the Diocesse of London that where by their certificate unto their Lordships concerning Thomas Cooke, clark, his counterfeiting of the late Bishop of Winchester's hande to a bill preferred unto the Queen's Majestie for the obtayning of a Prebende in the Cathedrall Churche of Gloucester, yt seemethe in their opinions that the said Cooke is culpable either for the counterfeiting of the said hande him self or procuring the same to be don; their Lordships therfore, considering he is of the ministerie, have thought good to referre the ordering and punishing of the said Cooke to them of the Highe Commission, requiring them to proceade unto his deprivation yf his facte shall so deserve, or to suche other or furder punishment as they in lawe and justice shall thincke fitte.

Primo Decembris, 1579, Grenewiche.

Lord Admiral.
Lord of Leicester.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A Bill of Complaint.

A letter to Sir John Thynne, knight, that where their Lordships are informed by a Bill of Complainte exhibited againste him by Edward Ludlowe of Deverell in the county of Wiltes that he hathe of late commenced an action of the case in 5000^{li} against the said Ludlowe, and hath likewise uttered verie hard speaches againste him for having exhibited in January last certen articles of misdemeanure against the said Sir John unto the Erle of Penbrooke, whereunto he was called to answer before their Lordships; forasmuche as the matters wherewith he is charged are yet depending before their Lordships not determined, and for that it seemeth by the report of the said Ludlowe that the prosecuting of this action againste him proceded rather of an inclinacion to reveng then of any other juste cause, he is therfore required yf he have entred this suite uppon the same cause which is by Ludlowe alleaged, that he do fourthwith surcease the prosecuting of the said action untill the matters wherewith he is charged shalbe furder determined and ordered by their Lordships.

p. 674.

Release on bail.

A letter to the Lord Cheife Justice of Englande to take bayle of one Thomas Potyne, sent for oute of Hereford shire at the instaunce of Robert Colshill, esquire, to answere unto certen matters wherewith he is charged here in her Majesties Benche.

Spanish complaints.

A letter to the Judge of the Admiraltie that where the peticion inclosed exhibited unto their Lordships by the Spanishe Ambassadour hathe ben verie earnestly recomended unto their Lordships, he is required to consider thereof and according to the desire of the peticioners to call Edward Yeork before him, and to examyn him uppon such articles as shalbe exhibited unto him in the behaulf of the peticioners, prayeng him that thereof there may be no defaulte.

Secundo Decembris, 1579.

Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlan.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Earle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Mr. Threasurer.	

The Welsh recruits.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer prayeng his Lordship to paye unto Edward Hughes, Receavour of her Majesties possessions in Northe Wales, the some of 400*li*, which some hathe, uppon his Lordship's letter in that behalfe, ben delivered unto William Glasier of Chester, and by him employed for the setting forwarde of certen soldiours to passe for her Majesties service into the Realme of Irelande, which some of 400*li* his Lordship is required to cause to be payd out of the Privie Seale remayning in his handes for the service of Irelande afforesaide.

p. 675.

Paying off the Foresight.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer that where the Foresight, her Majesties shippe, is latelie arrived at Portesmouth from Irelande under the charge of Capten Pierse, where she is to be revictualled for xxj*te* daies to be brought aboute to Chatham; forasmuch as of 180 men arrived in her, 80 with the xxj*tie* daies victuall are appointed to bring her aboute, the charges whereof with other sommes appeare by a particuler of the said charges which he shall receive herewith, his Lordship is therefore desired to pay the said somme of 74*li* 1*s* 8*d*, unto John Hawkins, Threasurer of the Navie, out of the Privie Seale remayning in his Lordship's hands for the service of Irelande, and this their Lordships' letter to be his discharg in that behaulf.

* *Postscript.*

Forasmuche as ther is a former letter directed unto his Lordship for this pourpose, which is said to have ben loste, his Lordship is desired to geve order that yf hereafter the same shall come to light it may be cancelled, and this only to take effecte as appertaineth, that the some above named be not twise payed.

* Original marginal note.

A letter to Mr. Atturney and Mr. Sollicitour Generall that where there hathe ben a controversie long depending betwene Sir Roberte Doyly, knight, deceased, and John Marmion, gentleman, concerning a ferme called Cottismore, with th'appurtenances, in Ewelme within the county of Oxon, as they shall more at large understande by the informacion of the said Marmion, the said controversie having heretofore ben brought before their Lordships they committed the examining thereof unto Sir Henry Neville, knight, and others, and they to have ended the same, which by reason of some impedimentes, together with the deathe of the said Sir Roberte tooke not that effecte that their Lordships expected; their Lordships do therfore require them by vertue hereof, calling Sir Henry Nevill before them, who since is become a partie in the matter by his mariag with the Lady Doyly, late wiefe unto the said Sir Roberte, as also one William Stampe who (as Marmion informeth) hathe bought a lease of the said farme, effectually to examyn the said controversie with such proves as are to be produced on bothe sides, and so to proceade to th'ending of the same betwene them with bothe their consentes, as they be no further troubled therewith; which, yf they shall not be able conveniently to doe, then their Lordships thincke it meete that Marmion be referred to take the benefitte of the lawe, which he affirmethe Sir Henry dothe not mislike; nevertheles yf they shall be able to compounde the controversie betweene them their Lordships will the rather allowe thereof, and do therefore eftsones pray them to do their beste indevours to that pourpose. An old controversy.

* *Tercio Decembris*, 1579, Grenewiche. p. 676.

Lord Admiral.
Lord of Warwick.
Lord of Leicester.
Mr. Threasurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

* The date and names are given in the margin.

The difficulties at Sandwich and Guernsey.

A letter to the Jurates and Commonaltie of Sandwiche concerning the election of their Maiour for this presente yeare, according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

A letter to the Bailiff and Jurates of Garnesey that where their Lordships have ben informed that since the delivering of suche informacions and peticions as have ben lately presented by the Doyins of every parishe within that Isle unto the Commissioners sent thether by her Majesties order to enquire of certen disorders and causes amonge the inhabitauntes of the said Isle, they, the Bailife and Jurates, together with the said inhabitauntes there, have made shewe as thoughe the said informacions exhibited (tending to charge the Governor with no good dealing) were alreadie sufficiently proved againste him, and the peticions which for the moste parte (as their Lordships are geven to understande) do concerne her Majesties inheritaunce within the Isle, were in like sort (before her Majestie and their Lordships have entered into the consideracion of the said peticions) graunted to the prejudice of her Majesties said inheritaunce, whereof (the information being trewe) their Lordships cannot but disallowe; and therfore have thought it necessary hereby to require them, and in her Majesties name to commande them, to forsee that neither they nor the inhabitauntes of the Isle do in any case intermedle in any thing touching her Majesties right, revenues or privileges within the Isle otherwise then lawfully they maie doe, and of late yeares have don by the allowaunce of her Majestie and her Governour, but therein wholely to suspend their proceading untill uppon dewe proofe of the said informacions and her Majesties consideracion had of the said peticions (into the examinacion whereof their Lordships are now entering), her Majestie shall advise what shall be fitt to be don, and accordingly cause the same to be signified unto them, whereof they are required not to faile.

The Bishop of Lincoln.

A letter to the Bishop of Lincoln that where uppon the receipt of his letters signifieng unto them that Richard

More of Grantham had delivered unto him the speaches sayed to have ben unreverently uttered againste him by Arthure Hall, they caused the said Moore to appeare before their Lordships to charg Arthure Hall face to face therwith, and uppon good and deliberate hearing of their answeres and replies in that behaulf, their Lordships finding that Moore coulde produce none other wittness but him self for the verifieng of the speaches againste A. Hall, and considering that they are in disfrindshippe together by reason of some quarrells and controversyes depending betwene them, their Lordships sawe no cause to creditte the sole assertion of the said More againste Hall; nevertheles forasmuche as their Lordships perceive, as well by his letters p. 677. as the confession of Hall, that there hathe rested heretofore betwene his Lordship and the said Hall some causes of unkindnes, their Lordships thought it convenient to injoine him to repeire derectly unto his Lordship, and not only to acknowledg his faulte committed in the refusall of his Lordship's letter sent unto him for his apparence before his Lordship, but in good sorte to desire his Lordship's favour to be contynued towards him, which their Lordships doubt not but he will charitably afforde him, the rather for their sakes, who their Lordships thinke will amende what is amisse in him self and particulerly to his Lordship shewe suche duetie and reverence as becomethe him, assuring him of their Lordships' ready inclynacion to the furderance of his creditte and reputacion in any thing they may.

* *v^to^ Decembris*, 1579, Grenewiche.

Appearances before the Clerk.

John Howarde of Widnes in the countie of Lancaster, yeoman, sente for to appere personally before the Lordes of her Majesties moste honorable Privie Councell, hath this daie entered his apparence and is nevertheles commaunded to

* The date is given in the margin.

geve his attendaunce untill by their Lordships he shalbe dismissed.

John Howarde of Widnes in the countie of Lancaster, the younger, yeoman, sent for to appeare personally before the Lordes of her Majesties most honorable Privie Councell, hath this daie entered his apparence and is nevertheles commaunded to geve his attendaunce untill by their Lordships he shalbe dismissed.

* *vj° Decembris*, 1579, Grenewiche.

An assault on a Messenger.

Theise personnes uppon the hearing of the mater betwene them and Apleton concerning the satisfieng of Jenkins, the Messenger, for his hurte given him by Apleton, weare discharged by Mr. Secretary Wilson after they had given assurance for the answering of xx^{li} to the said Jenkins.

vj^{to} Decembris, 1579.

Lord Chancellor.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Earle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Lord Kildare.

A letter unto the Lord Justice of Irelande to permitte the Earle of Kildare to exercise the office of Viceadmirall in that Realme by vertue of a deputacion from the Earle of Lincoln, Lorde Admirall of Englande, according to a minute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

Lord Shrewsbury's tenants.

A letter to the Earle of Shrewsberie recommending the cause of his tenantes of Glassopdale, according to a minute in the Councell Cheste.

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* This date and the entry are both given in the margin.

To the right honorable the Lordes and others of her Majesties honorable Privie Councell. p. 678.

* The submission of Samuel Stanley of Thowersby in the countie of Nottingham, gentleman, to John Bowes, esquire, of Elforde in the county of Stafforde.

Whereas I latelie exhibited two Billes againste one John Bowes of Elforde in the countie of Stafford, esquire, the one thereof into the Star Chamber, the other before your Lordships at at (*sic*) [the] Councell Table, contayning slaunderouse matter against the said Mr. Bowes, wherein as I have muche overshotte myselfe and uttered matter which I neither knowe nor can prove to be true, I doe hereby willingly confesse to your Lordships that all the said matter of slaunder objected to or againste the said Mr. Bowes contayned in either of the said two Bills for any thing within my knowledge is utterly untrue, and that I verilie thinke that all the matters of slaunder againste the said Mr. Bowes in either of the said Bills contayned is false, and that I am verie sorrie for the rashe and unadvised exhibiting of both the same Bills, to which I was perswaded by others; and for that uppon this my submission I ame in hope to finde favor and to be reconsiled to the said Mr. Bowes, yf he maie receive understanding of this my repentance, I most humbly desire your Lordships that he, the said Mr. Bowes, may by some good meanes have understanding of the same, and I shall hereafter be better advised of any like attempte and hartelie pray to God for the long and happie prosperitie of all your Lordships.

Your honnors humble suppliant,

SAMUEL STANLEY.

The originall of which submission is remayning in the Councell Cheste.

vijth of December, 1579. p. 679.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	

* Original marginal note.

A dispute as to land.

A letter to the Lord Archbishop of Yeorke that where there hathe ben exhibited unto their Lordships this inclosed peticion by one Richard Frampton, servant unto the Bishop of Canterbury, concerning the dispossessing of the said Frampton of the new Parke at Southwell in the county of Northampton (*sic*) by his Lordship, wherewith he hathe ben lately made acquainted by Mr. Secretary Wilson; he is therfore required to consider of the contentes of the said peticion, and fourthwith to send hether unto their Lordships some personne sufficiently instructed to answer the matter in his behaulf.

Sherborne Hospital.

A letter to the Lord President of Yeorke that where their Lordships by their letter of the ixth of Marche laste touching certen controversyes and sewtes betwene John Conyers of Sockborne, esquire, and the Amner and bretheren of the Hospitall of Sherborne Howse for certen tythes and dueties claymed to belong unto the said Hospitall and denied heretofore by the tenantes uppon some causes mencioned in the said letter, their Lordships desired him that forasmuche as the povertie of the Howse was alleaged to be suche that it coulde not bere the charges and tediousnes of the suite at the Common Lawe, that he wold call the said Conyers before him, and uppon some hearing of the matter betwene the parties to take suche order therein as should be agreable with justice and equitie, uppon the receipt of which their Lordships' letters his Lordship, as they are informed, did call the matter into the Courte before them, where ever since the same hathe remayned undetermined; forasmuche as the parties are desirouse that some finall ende maye be had thereof, his Lordship is desired with the assistance of suche as he shall thincke mete to take it unto his private hearing, and thereuppon, with the consent of bothe parties, finally to ende and determine the maters betwene them if it may be.

* The papers and writings concerning the mater in controversye betwene Sir John

A letter unto the Lord Chief Baron and Mr. Justice Anderson letting them to understand their Lordships' allowance of their opinions for the ending of the mater in

* Original marginal notes.

controversye betwene Sir John Killigrew and Henry Farnabye concerning certen land, and where the said Farnabey alleaged unto their Lordships that one of them had demaunded of him whether he would not accepte a some of money and so to resigne suche intereste as he supposeth to have in the said lande, their Lordships thereuppon moving bothe parties to like thereof, the rather for that they sawe the inhabilitie of Farnaby to be such as he was not able to followe the triall of his cause in this sorte at lawe; their Lordships therfore thoght good to require them uppon their consideracions of the tytle as farre fourthe as they have seen on bothe sides, and sett downe a convenient some of money to be payed by Sir John Killigrewe to Farnaby, suche as in conscience and equity they shall thincke to be meete, that upon the payment thereof all matters depending betwene them concerning the title of the lande may ende, which they are required to order betwene them in good sorte for the better quietnes of either partie; and yf either of them shall make difficultie to yeilde unto their order in this sorte to be sette downe, they are required to certifie in whome the default is, that thereuppon such furder order may be taken with them as shall appertaine.

Killigrewe and Farnabye sent herewith to the Lord Chief Baron by Thomas Walter, the Messenger.

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They are required also to use the best meanes they may to induce Sir John Killigrewe to committe all causes whatsoever betwene Farnaby and him uppon the ende of the matter of the lande to be made hereupon by them.

Postscript.

A passport for the Baron of ————————, a noble man of Germany, to passe out of the Realme towardes the partes of beyonde the seas.

A passport.

viij° Decembris, 1579, Greenwich.

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The Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Tresurer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlane.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
The Earl of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.

Wheat for Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Tresurer to suffer Thomas Fennar to transport v^{c} quarters of wheat into Irland, &c., according to the minute in the Councell Chest.

The city of Cork and the rebels.

A letter to the Maiour and Bailiffes of Corke that wheras their Lordships by their letter of xxth of November last advertising their former good indevours concerning the arrivall of the traytour James Fitzmorris in Ireland, as also the manner of the late trayterous attemptes of the E[r]le of Desmond uppon Youghall, his devilish demeanure in spoyling and rasing his owne castells and howses, and his rebellious indevours otherwise shewed to the grevaunce and overthrowe of her Majesties good and faithfull subjectes where he commeth, they gave sufficient demonstracion of their loyall and dewtifull disposicions towards her Majestie, their Soveraigne, wherin as they deserved the countynaunce (*sic*) of her Highnes' good opynion alwayes had of them, so are they thought worthie of thanckes, which in her Highnes' behaulfe their Lordships yelde unto them; and althoughe the spoiles and harmes alredy commytted and done by the said Erle and his adherentes uppon her Majesties good subjectes cannot be undon, yet they hoape by the helpe of Almighty God and the dilligence of the Erle of Ormond, who pursueth the rebells with sufficient forces there in Mounster, that they shall ere it be longe receave the rewarde dewe to all traitors and rebells against theire naturall Prince and countreye; and, further, yf in the meane tyme they shall discover any attempt of the said rebells to be intended against that cittie, uppon notice by them geven thereof unto the said Erle remayning with his forces within the countrie of Mounster, they shall (no doupte) finde him redie to succour and defend them in all that he maye; and also for their better meanes of defence uppon anie occasion their Lordships have, according to their desier, geven order unto the Lord Justice and Councell theare to deliver unto them suche provision of callevers and powder as shall valewe cclxxv^{li} sterling dewe unto them uppon their accounte for victuelling, &c.

A letter to the Lord Justice and Councell of Ireland that wheras by a letter from the Maiour and Bailiffes of the cittie of Corke of the xxjth of November last their Lordships weare geven to understand of divers sommes of money dewe unto thinhabitauntes of that cittie for victualling some bandes of her Majesties soldiers whoe had remayned theare for a tyme, amounting to cclxxv^{li}, for the which certaine doquettes and tiquettes were delivered from the capitaines and officers of the companyes victuelled unto the victuellers of the said cittie testefyeng the dett, and the said docquettes and tiquettes signed and allowed by the Auditour of that Realme abowte twoe yeares past weare by the said Maiour delivered over unto Sir William Drury, then President of Mounster, to have bene aunswered the some aforesaid or the valewe thereof in callevers and powder for the defence of the cittie, as appeared unto their Lordships by a coppie of the bill under the hand of the said Sir William Drury, notefyeng the receipte of the said docquetes and tiquettes; for as muche as the said Maiour and Bailiffes by their letter have benne humble suters unto their Lordships that in this tyme of daunger, seeng what is alreadie happened to Youghall and Kinsaile, they may for the better defence of theire cittie be furnished of so muche munition as the some dewe unto them amounteth unto, their Lordships finding their request very reasonable have thought good to require the said Lord Justice and Counsell to deliver or cause to be delivered out of her Majesties stoare within that Realme so much in callevers and powder as shall valewe the said some of cclxxv^{li}, taking boundes of them that they shall not again demaund payment of the said docquettes and tiquettes yf by anie meanes hereafter they shall come unto theire handes; and for the better preventing therof their Lordships thought yt convenient to (*sic*) they cause inquirie to be made of suche as have the custodie of Sir William Druryes writinges to know wheare the said docquettes and ticquettes be remayning, and receve them into their handes to be kepte or cancelled as they shall thincke

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meete, and their Lordships' letter for the delivery of the said munition shalbe their warrant, &c.

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The Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Tresurer.
The Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlane.	Mr. Vicechamberlane.
The Earl of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Release from the Fleet.

A warrant to the Warden of the Fleet for the enlarging and setting at liberty of the persons of Humfrey Powel and Baltasar Williams.

Piracy and intimidation.

A letter to Mr. Docter Lewys, Judge of the Admiraltie, that whereas Joachim Vaget of the cittie of Hamborough, merchaunt, exhibited a Bill of Complainte unto their Lordships against Mr. Henry Seckford, declaring that he, the said Vaget, coming to produce witnesses to be examyned before him in a matter of piracie commytted by a shipp and servauntes of the said Mr. Seckford, was by the said Mr. Seckford violently handled and blood drawne uppon him, as appereth unto him by the Bill which their Lordships send unto him, which Mr. Seckford being called to aunswere before their Lordships had in parte deneyed; their Lordships therefore have thought yt convenient to referr the examynacion therof unto the said Mr. Docter Lewis, before whome the cause wheruppon that violence semed to growe dyd depend, requiring him to use all good meanes he shall thincke meete ether by witnesses or other prufes to understand the trewe state therof, and to certefie their Lordships of his proceedinges therin, &c.; and for the matter of piracie wherwith Mr. Seckforde is chardged by Harman Oldonsell and Hans Elmanhurst, merchantes of Denmarke, before whome the triall is depending, their Lordships pray him to proceed therin with all convenient expedition, so as neither partie may have cause to complaine of any unnecessarie delayes, &c.

A letter to the Lorde Cheife Justice and Master of the Rolls that wheras one Richard Frampton of Lambeth in the countie of Surrey did complaine unto their Lordships against the Archbisshop of Yorke for dispossessing of him of the herbage of a certaine parke called the Little Parke at Sowthwell in the countie of Nottingham, which he had by the dimise of the Archbisshopp of Canterbury, then Bisshopp of that See, in consideracion of his service, and did also threaten to molest and vex him yf he shold at any time attempte lawe against him; and for that their Lordships weare desierous that the matter might receave good ende betwene them, without prosecuting of the same by rigour of lawe, [they] thought good to recommend the hearing therof unto them, requiring them earnestlie to call before them the said Archbisshopp, or some suche other as he shall depute for that purpose, and the said Richard Frampton and all suche witnesses and proofes as might be produced on ether parte for the testefying of the truthe, and after they shall have understood the state of the matter, to induce the said Archbisshopp to be cont[ent]ed ether to restore unto the complainant the quiet possession of the said herbage with the arrerages therof, yf they sholde be moved therunto by good reason, or other wise by consent of ether partie to make some such ende betwene them as unto the said Lord Cheefe Justice and Master of the Rolls should seeme meete in justice and equitie; which yf any of them should refuse to doe, to certefie their Lordships of the same and in whome the default is, &c.

A dispute as to Church land.

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* Audience as before, adding the Lord Chancellour.

A letter to the Lord Cheife Justice, Lord Cheife Baron, Mr. Atturney and Mr. Sollicitor Generall and Mr. Doctor Hamond, or to anie foure of them, whereof Doctor Hamonde to be one, that where uppon the complainte of diverse of

The Guernsey Commission.

* An unusual form of heading, given in the margin.

the inhabitauntes of the Isle of Guernesey exhibited unto their Lordships by the Bailife and Jurates of the said Isle, for wronges don unto them by the said Bailiffe and Jurates in cases of judgment and appeales uppon suites brought before them for title of lande and inheritaunce within the Isle, it pleased the Queen's Majestie not longe since to graunt a Commission under the Greate Seale of Englande unto Mr. Doctor Hamond and others not only to enquire and examyn the particular greifes of the plaintifes, but also to looke into suche other desorders as in general were complayned of concerning the state of the gouvernement of the said Isle; and where the Commissioners uppon their
p. 685. inquiry by a certificate of their doinges have returned unto their Lordships what they have founde in the common proceeding of the Bailife and Jurates in the administracion of justice, which they shall more at large understande by the said certificate, which are (*sic*) sent herewith unto them, as also by a more furder and ample declaracion thereof to be made by Mr. Hamond; forasmuche as the disorders as well of the particular greifes of the plainetifes as the defectes in generall do require a good and speedie reformacion, their Lordships have thought good to require them to consider effectually of them, and with as convenient speede as they maie to sende unto their Lordships their opinions what in justice and equitie they shall thincke fitte to be don for the satisfieng of the plaintifes interessed, and likewise how the defectes and abuses of the Bailife and Jurates aforesaid in the manner of their proceeding in cases of justice may be supplied and reformed, and what herein they shall advise as convenient to be put in execucion they are required to sett downe in writing and to sende it fourthwith unto their Lordships.

Dispute as to a Prebend.

A letter to John Watkins, Deane of Hereford, and David Williams that where uppon the hearing of the cause betwene the Bushoppe of Hereford and David Watkins this last Terme in the Starr Chamber concerning the Prebende of Newyngton, it was by their Lordships thought

mete that the said Watkins should be quieted in the possession of the said Prebende untill his latter lease should receive furder triall at the Common Lawe; they are therefore required accordingly to suffer him quietly to enjoye the possession thereof without anie their molestacion untill uppon triall of his said lease the lawe shall otherwise determyn of either of their interestes therein.

Irish matters.

A warrant to Sir Thomas Henneage, knight, Treasorer of her Majesties Chamber, to paye unto Richard Terry the some of tenne poundes for his paynes and charges in bringing of letters unto her Majestie from the Lord Justice and Counsaile of Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Ireland that wheras by her Majesties order there hathe bene sondry proporcions of victuall sent over into the Realme of Ireland, as well in the time of Sir William Drury, Lord Justice theare, as also sithens his deathe, for the victuelling of such companyes of soldiers as have bene sent thether for the service of her Majestie ther, the evill ordering wherof or unnecessarye spending may bothe drawe her Majestie to greater expence then is needfull, and by fayling sooner then is expected bee an occasion of lacke of her Majesties service in thos partes, their Lordships therfor thought good to put his Lordship in remembraunce that some discreet and sufficient person may be appointed by him and the Counsell to have the chardge therof, for that no one thing is more necessary then where numbers of people ar to serve, and that there be also care had how they may be victuelled from tyme to tyme, and that also in such sorte as by no wast of victuall or by lacke of foresight or provision the charge grow greater in burthen then reason shall require; and bycause their Lordships have not yett bene advertised of any person appointed for that purpose in that Realme to take the principall care therof as reson is there should, their Lordships have thought good to remember unto him that yf no other bee alreadie appointed that Edward Waterhous

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might bee directed to that service unlesse he be otherwise to imployed in her Majesties service as he cannot convenientlie attend there unto; and wheras their Lordships have bene advertised that the rebells of that Realme bothe in the county of Kerrey and other partes of Mounster have by all meanes endevored them selves to gather to geather greate quantities of victualls for their releefe, their Lordships thincke yt very expedient he doe use all the good pollecie he may to cause the said victualls to be intercepted for the maintenaunce and releefe of her Majesties garrisons in thos partes, considering their Lordships see how hard yt is for any store to be sent sufficientlie to serve for the victualling of so great numbers that shall have occasion to reside and serve in so remote places from the port townes as Waterford and Corke, to which places and no other may convenientlie victualls be transported out of England; and further their Lordships praye him that they may oftener heere from him then of late they have done, &c.

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Appearance before the Clerk.

William White of Midhurst in the county of Sussex, yeoman, being commaunded to appeer personally before the Lordes of the Councell, hath this day made his apparance accordingly and desyred that it might be recorded, and is nevertheless commaunded to attend untill hee bee dismissed by their Lordships.

xiij° Decembris, 1579, Grenewiche.

Lord Chancellor.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlan.	Mr. Vicechamberlan.
Earle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Earle of Leycester.	

* Given in the margin.

This daye uppon the complainte of Ambrose Digbye, esquire, againste Sir John Killigrewe, knighte, for that he had not paid unto him such sommes of money as were (by an order sett downe betwene them by the Earle of Bedforde for a recompence to be made unto Digbye of certen hurtes and wronges don unto him by the procurement of Sir John Killigrewe) appointed to be payde unto the said Digbye, for not payement of which somes it appered that Sir John had forfayted certen bandes made by him unto Digbye in that behalf; the said Sir John was by their Lordships enjoyned to make payement of the some of iiij^{xx}j^{li} xv^{s} unto Digbye due unto him uppon the bondes aforesaide at the Feaste of Candlemas next ensewinge, whereunto the said Sir John yelding and agreinge before their Lordships they were bothe dismissed. A Western dispute.

Christofer Dodson of London, clothworker, comaunded to make his apparence before the Lordes of her Majesties moste honorable Privie Councell, hathe this daie made his apparence accordingly, and is nevertheles commaunded to make his contynuall attendance untill by their Lordships he shalbe dismissed. A summons obeyed.

A letter to Sir Nicholas Lestrange, knight, requiring him to consider of the complainte of Joane Lestrange sent herewith unto him, and to retourne unto their Lordships his answere particularly unto the sayde complainte with as convenient speede as he maye. A family quarrel.

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The Lord Chancellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A letter unto Sir John Savage, Sir Hughe Chomley, Sir Randall Brierton and Sir Laurence Smithe, knightes, Loss of a ship on service.

* *Sic* in the MS.

to cause a collection to be made throughout that countie towards the reliefe of Roberte and Thomas Coventries, having loste a barke in her returne from Irlande in her Majesties service, and to have a speciall care that the same money so collected be not abused and consumed, but may be by their good foresight preserved and delivered unto the personnes aforesaid.

Release on bail.

A warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to take bandes of Anthonie Bourne, esquire, in v$^{c li}$ to her Majesties use for his forthcoming hereafter within xx^{tie} daies after warning geven unto him at some certen place to be by him appointed and mentioned in his said bande, and so to sett him att libertye.

Frobisher's voyages.

A letter to Sir Lionel Duckett, knight, Thomas Randolph, esquire, and Richard Yong, requiring them to take an accompte of certen peticions made by Michaell Locke for diverse charges disbursed by him to the use of the Company of the Adventurers of the North Weste Voiage, which he saiethe to amounte to the some of xij$^{c li}$, and upon consideracions of his demaundes in that behaulf to certifie unto their Lordships what in reason and equitie they thincke fitte to be don.

The Irish reinforcements.

A warrant to the Lord Threasurer to pay to William Glasier, Chamberlaine of Chester, the somme of cxxiij^{li} iiij^{s} for the diette and transporting of 60 horsemen of the companie of William Norreyes and of 300 footemen coming to Chester oute of North Wales.

A dispute as to land.

A letter to John Carmynowe, John Treffry, Richard Trevanyon and George Greenefeld, esquires, that where there hathe long depended betwene Sir John Killigrewe, knight, and Henry Farnaby a controversie concerning certen landes which with the consent of both parties is to be tried upon a speciall yssue at the next Assises there to be holden, and because Farnaby desirethe that for his better triall he maie in the meane tyme have certen personnes examined touching intereste in the said lande, their Lord-

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ships have thought good to make choyce of you foure and do require them to call Anthony Tanner, Richard Behelande, Philippe Pittacke and Katherin Behelande, and substancially to examyn them uppon suche interrogatories as shalbe delivered unto him (*sic*) by the said Farnaby, and the examinacions so taken to deliver unto the said Farnaby to be by him produced at the tyme of the triall as aforesaid.

The Council Chamber.

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to pay unto Roberte Langham, Keper of the Councell Chamber, the somme of iiij^{li} xvj^{s}, for a dosen of cushins by him provided to serve in the Chamber.

The Cinque Ports and the writ of *withernam*.

A letter to the Maiour of Dover that where by order from the Queen's Majestie he was latelie written unto by the Lord Cobham that he should cause recompence to be made unto Anthony Moller, a schipper of Hambroghe, of certen losses by him susteyned by his stay and imprisonment at Dover uppon an examinacion of a write of *withernham* served uppon him for a certen debte due unto one Alexander Minge of that towne from three personnes, inhabitauntes of Hambourghe; forasmuche as by this letter of the xxth of November they seme to refuse to make satisfaction unto the said Moller, standing upon the defence of their lawfull proceading againste [him] in that behaulfe, he is therfore required imediately uppon the receipte hereof to sende heither unto their Lordships some two or three of the moste sufficient of his britheren well instructed in the cause, with suche charters as they may have to allowe and authorise their proceadinges, that upon their Lordships consideracion had thereof, the make (*sic*) take suche order for the answering of Moller as shall be aggreable with justice and equitie.

The Town Clerk of Rochester.

A letter to the Lord Cheife Baron, Sir Thomas Walsingham, Thomas Wotton and William Crowmer, esquires, or any three of them, that where Martyn Cotys, one of the Coroners of that countie, hathe exhibited the peticion

inclosed against the Maiour of Rochester, showing that without any juste cause he hathe ben put from the Towne Clarkeshippe of that towne, forasmuch as from him, the said Sir Thomas, and other gentlemen of the county good
p. 689. testimony is geven of the honesty of the said Cotys, and are therfore the rather moved to have the doinges of the said Maiour in that behaulf throughly examined, and to that ende have made choyce of them foure, requiring them that (appointing a convenient place and tyme of meeting) they do assemble them selves together and by vertue hereof to call before them the said Maiour with a convenient number of his britheren, and there to proceade to an effectuall examinacion of the said complainte, and yf it shall appeare that Cotis hathe ben displaced without a sufficient cause by the only mallice of the Maiour, contrarie to order and without the consent of his britheren, as is alleaged, then their Lordships thincke it meete that they take such order for the restoring of him to the said office, with the comodities thereunto belonging and as heretofore he hathe enjoyed, as they shall thincke fitte upon their substanciall hearing of the matter; whereunto yf the said Maiour and his britheren (no lawfull cause appearing againste the sayd Cotys why to remove him from the office) shall refuse to yelde, then are they required to certifie their doinges together with their opinions, that thereupon suche furder order may be taken as shalbe thought convenient.

A ship detained.

A letter to the Judg of the Admiraltie requiring him to geve order unto Francis Langharne, Sheriffe of the county of Penbrooke, to make staye of a certen Brittishe barque remayning in his possession, laden with fishe, supposed to appertayne unto certen Brittons, untill suche tyme as restitucion shalbe made unto Richard Hinton and others, merchauntes of the towne of Penbrooke, of a shippe called the barke Yong, detayned in Pulgion in Britaigne by the meanes and procurement of one Peter and Frauncis Le Galle, and that such fishe as is founde to remayne within the said Brittishe

barque maie be solde, and the moneye put in deposite to be answered with the said barque as cause shall require.

The soap and oil trades.

A letter to the Lord Maiour, Aldermen Heyward, Osborne, Barnes, Marten, Mr. Fanshawe and Mr. Osborne, requiring them to call before them the sope makers of the Cittie of London, and to use the beste wayes and meanes they can to buy at the handes of Laurence Mellowe 100 tonnes of oyle made of seede within the Realme, furdering as muche as they maye the sale thereof to the commoditie of the said Mellowe for his better incouragement to goe forwards in his trade of oyle-making, being a devise verie beneficiall and proffitable to the common weale; and yf they shall not be able to induce the said sope makers thereunto to certifye their Lordships thereof, and in what sorte they have proceaded, that suche furder order may be taken as shall be thought convenient. p. 690.

Complaints against the French.

A letter unto Sir Henry Cobham that where of late a smale barque called the James of Lee, fraighted by certen of her Majesties subjectes at Bruges in Flaunders with sundrie kinds of merchaundizes, in her returne was within her Majesties streames assaulted by a shippe of Monsieur De la Mothe, Gouvernour of Graveling, and carried unto Callayes, where fourthwith the men and maryners were for a tyme comitted to prison and the goods unladen in Callays by the Gouvernor there, where a good parte thereof hathe ben imbeselled by the officers and soldiers of the towne, and where the said master and maryners using earneste instance to the Gouvernour, and to that ende had procured letters unto him from the Kinges Ambassador here, can yet by no meanes be restored unto any parte thereof, but are answered by Monsieur Le Gourdan that unles the King shall geve order for the delivery thereof that none shalbe restored unto them, alleaging nevertheles no cause why they should detayne the same, which gevethe doubte of some intelligence to be betwene him and La Mothe for the abusing of her Majesties subjectes: their

Lordships therfore at the earneste peticion of the said owners of the said goods, being parte Englishemen and parte free denisons and all inhabiting within the Cittie of London, to (*sic*) require him imediately uppon the receipt hereof to acquainte the King herewith, and to signifie unto him that her Majestie dothe not a litle mislike of the hard dealinges of the said Gourdan used towards her subjectes, noe cause thereof being offerred, either on her Majesties parte or her subjectes, and therefore he is willed to desire in her Highnes' p. 691. name his letters presently unto his said Gouvernour comaunding him fourthwith to make restitucion of as muche of the said goods unto the proprietaries as shalbe proved to have ben brought unto Callayes and by his order committed to the hands of any personnes there, but also to hold a milder course in his dealinges towards merchauntes and others her Majesties subjectes, yf hereafter upon like disorder of Monsieur de la Mothe or any others any of them shall chaunce to be brought within his government.

* *16^to^ Decembris,* at London.

Sir John Killigrew's case.

Delivered to Thomas Shakespeare, one of the Messengers of her Majesties Chamber, the bundell of writinges concerning the cause in controversie betwene Sir John Killigrewe and Henry Farnaby, to be by him delivered unto the Lord Cheife Barron and Mr. Sergeant Anderson.

* *xviij^o^ Decembris,* 1579, Grenewiche.

Lord Chancellor.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

* The dates and names are given in the margin.

Sir John Arundel.

A letter to the Earle of Bedforde signifieng that where Sir John Arrundell, knight, hathe ben charged before their Lordships with diverse matters, wherupon by order from their Lordships he hathe ben examined and standethe to the deniall of every particuler matter wherewith he hathe ben charged; forasmuche as it is supposed that much of the said matter layed against him, being of good moment and importance, will be proved againste hym uppon furder examinacion to be had of some persons in those partes, his Lordship ys desired to use all the best meanes he can to boulte and trie out the veritie of the said matters by the examining and hearing of such proves and witnesses as may be produced to testifie their knowledge therein, and for his Lordship's better direction in his proceading in this behaulf there is sent unto him the whole matters contayned in certen articles, with the answeres of Sir John thereunto subscribed severally with his owne hande; and what his Lordship shall finde hereof to certifie their Lordships with as convenient speede as may be, as also to returne unto their Lordships such originalls of articles and answers and other papers as is herewith sent unto him.

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Present:—

Lord Chauncellor.	Earle of Leycester.
Lord Threasurer.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Earl of Warwick.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Iron guns from Sussex.

Whereas uppon speache moved by some of the Lordes of the Councell touching the greate quantitie of iron ordnance daily transported out of this Realme into the partes beyonde the seas, the inconvenience whereof being at large debated by their Lordships, it was this daie by the whole

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Boarde ordered that such iron forges as were especially within the county of Sussex, where the moste parte of the said iron ordnance is made, shoulde be for a tyme stayed and not suffered to make any more of the said caste ordnaunce of iron, and for that purpose Mr. Secretarie Wilson, then waighting, was by their Lordships required to conferre with the Lord Vicecounte Montague, to understand from him what personnes in his opinion within the said countie were fitteste to be appoynted Commissioners to take the charge and oversight that no more of the said caste ordnance should be made, as also to take an accompte of the forges, what number of peeces they have made within theise ——— yeares, how they have ben bestowed and to what personnes they have ben solde, and that of suche peeces as should be founde on their handes unsolde and vented an inventorie or note to be made of them, and the owners charged by bande or otherwise not to make sale of any of the said peeces without the privitie of the said Commissioners, who should in that behaulf followe suche orders as by their Lordships shoulde be prescribed unto them.

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Lord Chancellor.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroler.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earle of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Piracy. A letter to the Judge of the Admiraltie recommending unto him a cause betweene Thomas Glede, merchant of Ipswiche, and Christofer Dodson of London, concerning certen clothes bought by the said Dodson of a pirate, as it is supposed, which clothes were robbed and taken from Gleede by one Samuell Bigges, a notoriouse pirate; he is therefore required to take order between them for the restitucion of the clothes to the plaintif, according to justice and equitie,

and if it shall appere unto him that the said Dodson have com unlawfully by the clothes, then to committe him to prisonne with suche others as shalbe founde culpable in that behalfe.

A letter to Sir Henry Cobham, knight, Ambassadour resident with the French King, recomending unto him a complaint exhibited to their Lordships by certen merchauntes of London againste on[e] Le Berte, a French pirate by whome the said merchantes have ben spoyled of certen goodes and merchaundises at the sea, and the said pirate and goodes being at the suite of the plaintiffes apprehended and brought unto Rouen, it is supposed that the said pirate was sett unto the seas and is avowed by Monsieur De St. Luc, for that as it is saide the said St. Luc hathe since procured the Kinges letters for the release of Le Berte, and also restitucion of their goodes is denyed by the officers of Rouen; he is therefore required to acquainte the King with the said complainte and to procure his comandement for the restitucion of the goodes, &c.

The Isle of Guernsey.

A letter unto the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Chief Baron, Mr. Attourney and Sollicitour-Generall and Mr. Doctor Hamond requiring them among other maters comitted unto them to be considered of by them touching the Isle of Garnesey, that they will also consider of certen articles sent herewith unto them touching her Majesties rightes and revenues there, certen concealments and other articles of complainte exhibited by the inhabitantes of that Isle against Sir Thomas Leighton, their Gouvener, and to conceave a draught of a Commissyon to be directed unto some fitte personnes to be by them advised of to be appointed to repaire unto the said Isle to examine the informacions against the said Sir Thomas, who for his owne purgacion desirethe the same, for that the said informacions do muche touche him in his gouvernement and credite, and to retourne a spedye certificate unto their Lordships of their doinges and opinions aswell in theise as in the former maters committed unto their consideracions.

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* Lord Chauncellor.	Earl of Leycester.
Lord Tresurer.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Vicechamberlane.
Lord Chamberlane.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.

The Queen's Peace.

A letter to Mr. Humfrey Ferrers and Mr. Edward Holt that wheras one William Taylor of Sutton in the county of Warwike complained to ther Lordships that for certain leud speeches and violent dealinges used against him by certain persons (whose names with the matter it sellf were contayned in a certain Bill enclosed in the sayd letter and sent unto them), he stood in great fear of his life, ther Lordships require them to depose him upon his oath in this poynt, the which if he shall not refuse to doe then to take sufficient bandes to her Majesties use of all such persons as he shall complain of in that behalf for the conservation of the peace towardes him.

* Lord Chauncellor.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Tresurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlane.	Mr. Vicechamberlane.
Earl of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.

Speaking evil of dignities.

This day one Giles Foster (who had before exhibited a Bill of Complaint to her Majestie against the Erle of Rutland) being called before ther Lordships to make proof of such articles as he had objected against him in the said Bill of Complaint towching a matter in controversy between the sayd Erle and him for certain landes and tenementes, parcell of the demeanes of her Majesties manour and castle of Newarke in the county of Nottingham; for as muche as it appeered plainly unto ther Lordships upon the hearing of the matter that he had charged the sayd Erle with many untruths in his Bill, and had uttered very uncomly speeches against him, which seemed to towch him much in

* The names are given in the margin without dates.

honour and credite, ther Lordships ordered that the sayd Giles Foster, for his lewd demeanor used towardes the Erle, being so honorable a personage, should bee committed to the Mareshalsea until ther further direction were known, and that the matter in controversy between the sayd Erle and him should bee referred to the dew triall of the lawes of this Realm.

xxiij° Decembris, 1579, Westminster. p. 695.

* The Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Tresurer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlane.	Mr. Vicechamberlane.
The Earl of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.
The Lord of Hunsdon.	Sir Walter Myldmay.

A dispute as to land.

Wheras uppon a complainte exhibited unto the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Councell by John Palmer, gentleman, younger sonne of Roberte Palmer, a late officer of the late Marquis of Northampton, againste Sir George Bowes, knight, for the witholding of the possession of Thringworth Parke in the countie of Yeorke, whereof the said Palmer was latelie possessed by vertue of a lease made unto the said Roberte Palmer, father unto the said John Palmer, from the late Marquis of Northampton, their Lordships having heard the allegacions, answeres and sureplyes of bothe parties did move them to agree that the cause betwene them depending might be tried uppon a speciall yssue, viz.; whether the lease made by the said Lord Marquis unto the said Roberte Palmer nowe claymed by the complaynant were a good and sufficient lease in lawe or not, and the said yssue to receive triall by a convenient jury to be impannelled within the countye of Middlesex; whereunto bothe the said parties agreeing, it was by their Lordships ordered that the Lord Chiefe Justice of the Kinges Benche or of the Common Pleas might be intreated to directe the parties

* The names and date are given in the margin.

by order of lawe to come to an yssue, to be tryed by verdicte, for the speedie triall of the validitie of the said lease nowe in question, so as no delaye might be avoyded for the speedier triall thereof, and the leaste charges to bothe the parties.

* Delivered to W. Hewat, messenger; retorned 1° January.

A letter to the Sherife and Justices of Peace in the county of Southampton for the ceasing of the watching of the Beacons in that county until necessity shall require the contrary.

A summons.

A letter to Mr. Thomas Horewood of Compton in the county of Stafford, wherin he is willed by ther Lordships to make his undelayed repayr unto them at the Courte, for such causes as he shall bee made acquainted with at his coming.

p. 696.

The Fleet prison.

A letter to the Warden of the Fleet to suffer Mrs. Munson, wife to Mr. Robert Munson, esquire, prisoner in the Fleet, to have access unto her husband with one servaunt of his called Jhon Thorp, at such times as to them shall seem good.

A private dispute.

A letter to Sir John Zouche with a peticion inclosed exhibited until their Lordships by Frauncis Babbington in the behaulf of his father, Michael Babbington of Darby, gentleman, declaring some hard dealinges used by the said Sir John towardes his said father; their Lordships have therfore thought good to sende the same unto him and to require him fourthwith to certifie his answere unto their Lordships, or els soe to satesfie the said Babbington as their Lordships be no furder troubled therewith.

xxxiiij° Decembris, 1579, Westminster.

The Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlane.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Chamberlane.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.
Mr. Tresurer.	

* Original marginal note.

A warrant to the Knight Mareshall to receave into his custody the body of Stephen Lutton. The Marshalsea.

A letter to the Deane of Norwich that whereas their Lordships weare geven to understande that of late there was dimised unto Mr. Secretary Wilson from him and the Chapter of Norwich a lease for xxj yeares of the mannour of Hindringham in Norffolk, and receved of him one c markes for a fine, and delivered unto him a bond from him self and the said Chapter for the warranting of the saide lease to be of sufficient valedetie in lawe, and for as muche as since uppon consideracion had of the saide demise by his learned counsell in the lawe the same is not found to be good, and that he hathe demaunded, surrendring the saide lease and band, to be repayd the same c markes, and he informed their Lordships they have refused to doe; their Lordships therfore thought good to require him ether to take order that the said c markes be fourthwith repaid unto the bearer therof, or ells, all unnecessarie delayes sett a part, to make his repaire unto their Lordships, and to be with them by th'end of this Chrismas hollidayes to shew some lawfull cause why they should detaine the same, requiring him not to faile as he tendereth the continuaunce of their Lordships' good opynion heretofore conceved of him, &c. Lease of Church lands. p. 697.

A letter to Mr. Docter Dale and Mr. Docter Lewys that wheras complaint hathe bene made by the Ambassadour of the Kinge of Spaine resident in this Realme in the behalf of certaine Spanish merchauntes, the Kinges subjectes, againste Mr. Henry Knowlls, esquier, charging him to have receved in to his handes certaine goods belonging unto the saide marchauntes (wherof they weare spoyled uppon the seas by some pirates), and for that they are alreadie acquainted with the matter and have likewise hard the allegacions of the said Ambassadour, their Lordships thought yt good to require them by vertue of their letter to call before them the parties complaining, with all suche proofes Spanish complaints.

and witnesses as they canne produce for testifying of the truthe, and to informe them selfes thoroughlie of the trew state of the matter; wherein yf by reason of any probable matter alledged against Mr. Knoulls they shall finde yt needfull to have him present to aunswere therunto, then to cause him likewise to come before them with such witnesses and proofes as he shall be hable to bring fourthe on his parte, and to use the like good meanes in thexamynacion of his aunswere; and after they shall have informed them selfes of the matters alledged on both partes, their Lordships pray them not only to send unto them thexamynacions taken by them, but also to certifie their opynions and whole proceedinges therin, &c.

p. 698. * *xxvj° Decembris*, 1579, Whitehall.

Lord Chauncellor.
Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Comptroller.
Bothe Mr. Secretaries.

The capmaking trade. A placard to all officers, &c., to be ayding and assisting unto the bearer for the attaching of one Roberte Blunt of Lichefeilde, capper, lately authorised by her Majesties Letters Patentes to leavie certen forfeitures upon suche personnes as did not observe the Statute ordayned for the wearing of capps throughoute the Realme, of which forfeitures he is charged to have received the somme of ix$^{c\ li}$, whereof he hath distributed only xxx^{li}, refusing to accompt therfore to such personnes as are appointed to take his accomptes in that behaulf, and, uppon his attaching, to cause him fourthwith to be sent under safe custodie heither unto their Lordships to answere his doinges therein according to justice.

A negligent attorney. A letter to Jhon Garnans that where their Lordships are informed that aboute six yeares paste one Thomas Lloyd,

* The date and names are given in the margin.

of Llanstephan in the county of Carmarthen, being suyd by Sir John Perrot, knight, in the Court of Common Pleas upon a bande forfeited, was, by the negligence of his atturney, as it is alleaged, upon a *nihil dicit* condemned in 300*li*, whereupon Lloyd desiring their Lordships to take order in the matter according to justice, theyr Lordships thought it good to referr the same to the consideracion of the Lord Chauncellour, who some tyme this next Terme [is] to here it, and therupon to take suche order therein as shall appertayne; and for that their Lordships [are] informed that at that tyme he was atturney for the said Lloyd, they do therfore hereby require him to certifie whether he were atturney in the cause for Lloyd or not, and yf he were, then either by his letter to certifie his Lordship how and uppon what defaulte the judgment passed against him, or els at his repeire to London to attende upon his Lordship here to inform him particularly in what sort the said Lloyd was proceded withall and condemned, that therupon his Lordship may [take] order therin accordingly.

Letters of summons.

A placard to John Worsley, one of the Messengers of her Majesties Chamber, for the comanding of Walter Lambert of Southampton, gentleman, and his bayliffe, ——— Palmer of Hill, William Mackerell, Robert Barton, John Elsdon and ——— Jackson of Marleborough, to make their personall apparence before the Judge of the Admiralty, all unnecessarie delayes layed apart.

Wood for London.

Letters unto certen Commissioners in the county of Surrey, Barks, Bucks and Oxon to deal with the owners of woodes within a convenient distance neer the river of Thames to cause woode to be sent to London for the provision of the Cittie, according to a mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

xxix° Decembris, 1579, Whytehall. p. 699.

Appearances before the Clerk.

This day George Owens of the countie of Pembrooke, gentleman, bounde by the Sheryffe of that countie to appere

at this daye before the Lords of the Councell for the answering of a mater wherewith he hathe ben chardged concerning the counterfeiting of the seale of armes of William, Earle of Pembroke, first of that name, unto certen deedes, &c., entred his apparence for the savegarde of his bonde, and is nevertheles commanded to give his attendance upon their Lordships from tyme to tyme, and not to departe untill by their order he shalbe dismissed.

Also, Hughe Lewis of Neverne in the countie afforesaid, bounde likewise by the said Sheriffe and the reste to make his like apparence to answer certen maters touching Owens, did this daye desire to have his apparence recorded, and is comanded to attend the Lordes of the Councell as Owens is.

* Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.
Lord Chamberlain.
Earl of Leicester.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

† This letter, delivered to Pedley, the messenger, &c., xxixth of this presente; returned the 5th of January.

A letter unto Sir Henry Radecliffe, knight, requiring him to examyn the late false alarme aboute Portsea Downe, and by what personnes the tree or beacon were sett on fire, whether it was negligently or willfully don, and as it shall appeare unto him so to take order with the personnes either for their punishment or otherwise as upon their desertes shall seeme good unto them; he is likewise willed to cause her Majesties thanckes to be signified unto the country generally for their forwardnes and dilligence herein, althogh it were needeles, and to certifie the manner of the alarme and his doinges hereuppon as particulerly as he may.

Instructions to Lord Bedford.

A letter to the Erle of Bedforde signifieng unto him that where their Lordships, both by his letter and certen examinacions sent unto them taken of Thomas Gay stayed

* The names are given in the margin without place or date.
† Original marginal note.

by Mr. Mohune and Mr. Lowers, they do not perceive that the said Gay is to be touched for his pretended voiag with any evell meaning towards her Majestie or the Realme, his Lordship is desired to geve order by vertue hereof for his release and setting at libertie of him.

* *Primo Januarij*, 1579. p. 700.

Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	

Priests in East Anglia.

A letter unto the Lord Crumwell signifieng that their Lordships understand by his letter of the xxviijth, written to the Lord Threasurer, the greate dilligence he hathe used in the discovering of one Edward Jackson, a priste, for the which their Lordships do yielde him right heartie thancks, and do pray him againe to take some paynes to reexamyn the said Jackson uppon such interrogatories as he refused to answere unto, charging him in her Majesties name and uppon his allegeance to answere truly unto them; and yf thereupon he shall find any to [be] touched with like infection, or to be favorers of him or his relligion, that then he geve order to have them likewise apprehended yf anie shalbe within that countie of Norffolk, or yf they shalbe in any countie thereabouts then to geve order by his letter, to be directed to some fitt personnes in the same countie, to cause them to be apprehended and examined as is aforesaid; and after he shall have examined the said Jackson he is required immediately to send him hether unto their Lordships with his examinacions and trumperies taken about him by his Lordship, and by the way not to be suffered to have conference with any personne whosoever.

† Delivered to a servant of the Lord Cromwel.

A letter unto the Lord Northe that where there is apprehended one Edward Jackson, a Popishe prieste, by the

* The names and date are given in the margin.
† Original marginal note.

Lord Crumwell, who upon his examinacion confesseth that about Sturbridg last paste he came to Quaddon in Cambridgshire, and there remayned about v or vj wekes at one John Jackson's house, his Lordship is therfore required to geve order to some sufficient personnes for the calling of the said Jackson before them, and to examyn him concerning the said Edward Jackson, his uncle, what he did during his staye at Quaddon, to what personnes and places he resorted all that while, or who unto him, where the said Edward hathe lived and wandered to his knowledg during her Majesties rayne, with such other circumstances as he shall thincke meete to be inquired of in this behaulf; and thereupon yf any thing may appear to charg the said Jackson withall, to cause him or any other that shalbe discovered to be committed, and the examinacions taken as well of the said John Jackson or any other whome his Lordship shall thincke fitt herein to be examined to sende unto their Lordships with as convenient dilligence as he maye.

* *2° Januarij*, 1579.

Appearance before the Clerk.

Thomas Fenner of Shoreham in the county of Sussex, esquire, sent for by letters from the Lordes of her Majesties Councell to appeare before them, hathe this day accordingly appeared and desired his apparence to be entred, who is required nevertheles to geve his attendaunce uppon their Lordships untill by their order he shalbe dismissed.

p. 701. *8° Januarij*, 1579, Whitehall.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Earl of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Lord Hunsdon.	

* The date is given in the margin.

A letter to the Maiour of Marleborought that where they have received their letters of the xxiiijth of December, sent together with the personne of Thomas Stephens *alias* Hawkes, by whome certen unreverende speaches have been uttered againste the Duke of Anjou, brother to the French Kinge, which, forasmuche as her Highnes cannot in honnor suffer unpunished, their Lordships thincke it meete for example's sake that he should be returned unto him, and that he in some markett daie, in the cheife assembly of the people within that towne of Marleborough, do cause him to be sett uppon the Pillorie, with a paper on his head contayning theise words, viz.; "For utteringe of lewde, unreverende and seditiouse speaches againste the Duke of Anjou, brother to the Frenche Kinge," and afterwarde in viewe of the people to cause him to be whipped throughe the towne, and afterwarde to sett him at libertye. Lewd words and the Pillory.

9° Januarij, 1579, Whitehall.

Lord Chancellor.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A warrant to John King, servante unto the Lord Crumwell, to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paye unto the said King the somme of lvj^{s} for the bringing of one Edward Jackson, a masse prieste, from the howse of the said Lord Crumwell in Norffolk unto Whitehall by their Lordships' appointement. Warrant for payment.

A letter to the Lord Marquis of Winchester for the releasing of a barque called the Diamonde of Lynne, laden in the Isle of Garnesey with certen wheate appertayning unto the Gouvernour of the said Isle, appointed by him to be transported into the partes beyonde the seas for his beste commoditie, whereunto he ys authorised by the liberties and charters of the said Isle, &c. The corn trade. p. 702.

Spanish complaints.

A letter to Sir Roberte Wingfeilde, knight, signifieng the receipt of his letter, together with the person of Cornelis Gertshertroose, a Capten serving at the seas by Commission from the Gouvernour of Gravelin against the States of the Lowe Countries, and where he signifiethe that the said Cornelis arriving with a prise laden with hoppes in Bayton Creeke, he (dobting of the Capten's authoritie), caused staye to be made bothe of him and the prise untill he might receive furder order from their Lordships; he is therfore geven to understande that forasmuche as he is avowed by the King of Spaignes Ambassadour here, who hathe made earneste suite to have him released, their Lordships are contented to suffer him, with his own vessel and prise, to departe againe to the seas, so that he release the hoppes and suche other lading as was by him taken in the prise, the propertie of which hoppes and lading is here claymed by one Anthonie Anthonison and others inhabiting within this Realme, who offer to make sufficient profe in the Courte of the Admiraltie that the said hoppes and other lading dothe properly appertayne unto them; whereunto the said Capten having willingly yeilded, their Lordships have thought good accordingly (after he shall have caused the hoppes and other lading to be brought on shoare) to release the said Capten, with his owne shippe and prise, unles by order of lawe staye or attachement shalbe made of the said prise onlie; and, for the goodes, yf the said Anthonie Anthonison and the reste shall make sufficient proofe in the Courte of th'admiraltie of their proprietie in the said goodes, then may he, uppon order from the Judg of the said Courte, cause the same to be restored unto the owners according to justice and equitie, otherwise to remaine in his handes and he to certifie the same unto their Lordships.

The writ of *Withernam*.

A letter to the Lord Cheife Baron, Justice Southcotte, Judg of the Admiraltie, and Doctor Aubrey that where aboute the monethe of November, *anno* 1576, their Lordships committed unto them a matter of complainte exhibited unto their Lordships by the Alderman and Societie of the

Stilliarde againste the towne of Dover concerning th'executing of a write of *Withernam* upon one Andrewe Miller (*sic*), a schipper of Hamburgh, whereupon in December following they certified unto their Lordships their opinions that unles furder matter coulde be shewed by those of Dover to authorise their doinges in that behaulf the said write of *Withernam* ought not to be used againste anie of thinhabitauntes of Hamburg or other places privileged of the Hanse or Stilliarde, as maye appeare by the copie of their certificate herewithe sent unto them, upon the receipt of which certificate their Lordships caused the said Miller by their letters to be released and sett at libertie; forasmuche as nowe of late, as well by letters from the Steedes unto her Majestie as by particuler suite of the Alderman of the Stilliarde, meanes are made for recompence to be had from the towne of Dover for the charges and damages sustayned by the said Miller by reason of his wrongfull imprisonment, a note of which charges demaunded is also sent herewith unto them, their Lordships have therfore thought good to desire them to signifie unto them whether they thincke in lawe and equitie anie suche charges are to be allowed unto the said Miller, wherein they are also desired to consider whether the error in the townesmen of Dover in executing of the said processe of *Withernam* might not proceade of some generallitie of termes contayned in their liberties, by the which they might suppose a graunte in that behaulf to be therein contayned *implicite*, in which respecte their error maye be demed the lesser, but yf they shall finde that charges in good justice be allowed unto the partie imprisoned, then are they desired to set downe what some of money they shall in consideracion thincke fitte to be payed unto him from the said towne of Dover. p. 703.

A letter to the two Lords Cheife Justices, &c., to signifie their opinions of a Statute of *premunire* made in the xiiijth yeare of her Majesties raigne touching lande intayled to be uppon offenses forfeited unto the Queen's Majestie, as dothe at larg appeare by the mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste. The law as to forfeitures.

The Isle of Guernsey.

A letter to the Bailife and Jurates of the Isle of Guernesey comaunding them to put in execution [a] certen Order sent herewith unto them concerning the particuler greefes of some of the inhabitauntes of that Isle complained of here unto their Lordships, according to the mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

Marine assurance.

A letter to William Mericke, Richard May, Thomas Branly and the reste of the Commissioners appointed for matters of Assurances within the Cittie of London that where by a letter from some of their Lordships of the 24th of May,
p. 704. 1578, they recommended unto them a complaint exhibited unto them by Hippolito Beamonti, a merchaunt of Luca in Italye, concerning a controversie betwene him and the assurers of London, which Hippolito had caused to be assured by two severall pollicies certen woade from Burdeaux to Roan and Newhaven, which woade, after the assurance made, was taken by the Vlissingers and confiscates (*sic*), wherupon the said Hippolito by meanes of their Lordships' said letters unto them obtayned from the said assurers the money by them assured; forasmuche as their Lordships by the peticion inclosed are geven to understand that by good proofes it is since evidentlie discovered that the said woade hathe ben againe recovered with the privitie of the said Hippolito from the Flushingers by the two merchauntes in who[se] names the same was assured, their Lordships therfore desirous to understande the veritie thereof, to th'ende that aswell restitucion maie be made unto th'assurers of the money by them without cause payed unto him, as that the lewde acte of the practiser maie not remayne unpunished, doe require them by vertue hereof to call fourthwith before them the said assurers and Hippolito, and after they shall have substancially examined the matter to certifie unto their Lordships what they finde therof, that thereupon suche order maye be taken as shalbe aggreable with justice and equitie.

An escaped prisoner.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles, Justice Southcotte, Doctor Lewes, Sergeant Jennar, together with a peticion inclosed whereby they shall understand a matter in con-

troversie betwene the Warden of the Fleete and Peter Romerson concerning the escape of Launcelotte Lisley, remayning prisonner in the Fleete upon an execucion for the some of 220li; forasmuche as it is desired that the same may be committed to their examinacions, and to be by them ordered betwene the parties according to justice, their Lordships allowing thereof have thought good to recomende the same unto them accordingly, that their Lordships be no furder troubled therewith; otherwise yf they shall finde anie impediment to the contrarie then are they to certifie their opinions unto their Lordships, that suche furder order may be therein taken by their Lordships as shall appertayne.

A letter to the Justices of Assises in the county of Cardigan, sent together with a complainte exhibited unto their Lordships by Meredith Lloyd againste Jenkin Lloyd, late Sheriffe of that countye, for certen harde dealing offered him by the said Sheriffe; forasmuch as their Lordships are informed that at the tyme of their laste Assises within that county they were made partely acquainted therewith, they are now required, calling bothe parties before them, effectuallie to examin the contentes thereof, and therein to take order according to justice; wherein yf they shall finde anie difficultie then are they required to certifie unto their Lordships what they find thereof, that accordingly such order maie be taken by their Lordships as shall appertaine. A Welsh case. p. 705.

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Lord Chancellor.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A placard for Frauncis Dodsworthe and John Colborne, servantes to the Erle of Northumberlande, to carry certen mastiffes and lyme houndes into Fraunce to the Lord Percye, his sonne, Hounds for export.

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Treasure for Ireland.

A warrant for Thomas Fauntleroy, servante to Sir Henry Walloppe, knighte, Threasurer at Warres in the Realme of Irelande, for the taking up of cartes for the conveying of certen tereasure (*sic*) in to the Realme of Irelande for her Majesties service.

The Court of High Commission.

A letter to the Commissioners for Causes Ecclesiasticall that where there hathe ben exhibited unto their Lordships by Suzan Randall, wiefe to Anthonie Randall, clarke, a peticion declaring that her husbande is presently detained prisonner with the Bishop of Excester for matter of Relligion, whereof (as it is alleaged) he hathe purged him self, as they maye at large perceive by the said peticion; their Lordships therfore desirous to understande whether the said Randall hathe ben heretofore convented before them or not, and what they have founde of his conformitie or backwardnes in Relligion, do therefore require them with as convenient spede as they may to certifie unto their Lordships their answer and opinion concerning the said Randall.

Gipsies in Wales.

A letter to the President and Councell in the Marches of Wales signifieng that where their Lordships do under-

p. 706. stande by a letter written unto Mr. Comptroller from the Sheriffe of the countie of Radnor that he hathe of late apprehended the number of xl^{tie} vagrant personnes, terming themselfes Egiptiens, who according to the Statute of the vth yeare of her Majesties raigne are to be arraigned as fellons; forasmuch as the Sheriffe desirethe for the avoyding of charges that may growe by the feeding of so greate a number in prison till the next Assises there might be a Commission graunted for the trying of them according to the said Statute, their Lordships have therfore thought good (they having a Commission for that purpose remayning with them) to require them fourthwith to appointe a convenient number of Commissioners who maie immediatelie proceade to the triall of the Egiptiens within the countye where they were apprehended.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Irelande that where the bearer hereof, Peirce Faning, hathe exhibited unto the Queen's Majestie this enclosed peticion shewing that David Arthure, Deane of Limericke, dothe witholde from him certen good[s] and cattells to the vallewe of 300*li*, lefte him by his brother Jaspar Faning, deceased, which goodes, &c., were delivered aboute xiiij daies paste upon truste unto the said Deane, the plaintife being sicke and in danger of deathe, and after recovering his healthe and demaunding the same againe restitucion was denyed him therof, and thereupon commenced suite in lawe and yet hetherto hathe obteyned nothing, as shall appeare by the peticion inclosed sent unto his Lordship; her Majestie therefore, not a litle mervaling at the slowe justice don in that Realme, hathe geven expresse order that for the more spedie justice herein to be don unto the plaintife he doe call bothe parties before him, and upon hearing and examining of the matter, with suche proofes and witnesses as are to be produced on bothe sides, to make some suche ende thereof betwene them as in justice and equitie dothe appertaine, that neither her Majestie or their Lordships be mo furder troubled therewith. The course of law in Ireland.

A warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to receive in to his custodie the personne of Edward Jackeson, a masse priste, comanding him to suffer the said Jackson to have conference with no person whatsoever saving with the Commissioners named in the letter following, who are appointed to repeire thether for the examining of him. A priest in the Tower.

A letter to the Lord Hunsdon, Mr. Secretary Wilson, the Lieutenante of the Tower, Mr. Recorder and Mr. Norton that where there hathe ben of late apprehended by the Lord Crumwell one Edwarde Jackson, a masse prieste and a supposed reconciler, as may be gathered by certen writinges taken aboute him contayning authoritie in the Pope's name to absolve from excommunicacions, suspencions, &c., which shall appeare by an article of his examinacion taken before the p. 707.

said Lord Crumwell and signed with the hande of the said Jackson sent herewith unto them, which is conceived to be within the Statute of the xiijth of her Majesties raigne; their Lordships therfore thought good to comitte the said Jackson to the Tower, and to require them or anie two of them uppon the receipte here[of] (after they have considered of the said examinacion and thereupon drawen suche other interrogatories as by them shall be thought fitte to have him answer unto) to repeire unto the Tower and there to proceade to a reexaminacion of the said Jackson, using their best endevour to boulte oute from him suche matter as the circumstances of his confession maye induce them unto, as well to thincke him giltie concerning reconciling of her Majesties subjectes to the Sea (*sic*) of Rome, as to discover withe what persones and in what places he hathe ben most conversant within the Realme, and who maie have ben receivers and mainetayners of him, and of their doinges to certifie their Lordships.

* *13° Januarij*, 1579.

Appearance before the Clerk.

This daye Michael Edmundes of St. Katherin's, master of a shippe called the Samaritan of London, passing into Spaine and carrieng with him two yong gentlemen whose names were Wiseman and Kelham, and stayed by Mr. Tolcarne in Cornewall and afterward by the Erle of Bedford, was bounde in a bande of 500^{li} to make his apparence before the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Councell to answere [for his] doinges therein within ten daies after his arrivall, in case anything shold be by their Lordships objected unto him therefore, hathe accordingly made his apparence, and for as muche as there hathe appeared no matter of moment to charge the said Edmundes withall he was thereupon dismissed.

* The date is given in the margin.

* *10 Januarij*, 1579. p. 708.

The Welsh forgery case.

This daye George Owins of Hentlesse in the countie of Penbrooke, gentleman, charged before the Lordes of the Councell for the counterfeiting of the greate seale of armes of William, Erle of Penbrooke, firste of that name, as also for the forging of certen charters, deeds, &c., to the great prejudice of her Majestie and the freeholders of the lordshippe of Kemishe, having appeared before their Lordships to answere the accusacion delivered in againste him by William Guyn of Rikerston in the countie aforesaid, upon some hearing of the matter yt was by their Lordships thoughte meete that the same shoulde be dismissed from the Councell Borde and referred unto the Courte of Starr Chamber, there to be heard and proceaded in according to the order of that Courte, whereupon the said Guyn was injoyned to deliver in his informacion fourthwith into the said Courte, and the said Owens commanded to answere thereunto either presentlie or some tyme the next [Term] at his owne choyce, and in case he shall presentlie answere unto th'informacion before the Terme, then is he injoyned to answere also such interrogatories as shall thereuppon be ministred unto him before his departure into the countrie, which interrogatories by their Lordships' said order shall be ministred unto him without delay after his answere delivered into the Courte aforesaid; and where there is a suite commenced in the Courte of the Exchequire by one Bartholomew Newsham, lessee to the said George Owens, againste William Guyn aforesaid and Mary his wiefe, which suite the said George Owen, as he informed, by an order before the Councell of thes Marches of Wales is bounde to prosecute without delaye or els to paye a certen somme of money unto the said Guyn, yt is therfore at the intercession of the said Owens ordered that yf he shall not prosecute the said suite by Newsham commenced againste Guyn and his wiefe untill the matter aforesaide concerning the accusacion of forgerie againste him shalbe tryed, the said Owens shall not incurre the breache of

* The date is given in the margin.

the said order in that behaulf taken of him; and where one Hughe Lewes of Neverne in the county of Penbrooke (accused before the Commissioners appointed for the apprehending and examining of Owens aforesaid to have ben a dealer in like forgeries), appeared also before their Lordships, it was by them ordered that for the matters wherewith he restethe charged he sholde likewise answere in the Starr Chamber unto suche informacions as by Guyn aforesaid should be put in againste him, as also such furder interrogatories as thereuppon shoulde be ministred unto him in the said Courte in suche sorte and manner, bothe for the tyme and otherwise, as by virtue of this order the said Owens is injoyned to doe.

p. 709. *12° Januarij*, 1579.

Lord Chancellor.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Post horses. A Commission for poste horses for Nicholas Scotte, sent into Irelande for her Majesties service.

The ships at Chatham. A letter to the Lord Cobham together with an order taken six yeares paste how and from what places her Majesties shippes remayning at Chatham might uppon all occasions be relived with 2,000 men; their Lordships thincke meete that he geve order that those Justices who are in Commission of the Peace maie have knowledge and copies of the orders inclosed, to th'ende they may the better performe the contentes thereof; and because their Lordships wolde gladlie understande how this maie be performed they have sent John Thomas, one of the Assistauntes of the Admiraltie, to repeire unto suche Justices of Peace and other officers within that countie as upon his Lordship's good consideracion shall be thought meete to have the charge

* Procured by the Lord Admiral.

* Original marginal note.

for the due execucion thereof, and he uppon his returne to make relacion unto the Lord Admirall how and in what readines the said supplie shall be.

A scandalous pamphlet.

A letter to the Lord Chandos signifieng the receipt of a pamphlette from his Lordship contayning certen offensive prophesies which his Lordship saiethe to have received from one of his neighboures; his Lordship is thancked for his discrecion in sending the same unto their Lordships, and is required to reexamyn his sayd neighboure how he came by the said pamphlette, and yf he shall not bring fourthe the partie of whome he had yt, it is thought meete that he answere it in his owne person, and therfore his Lordship is willed to take bandes of him for his apparence before the Justices of Assises in that countye the next Assises (yf his Lordship shall finde the person not to be evell affected towards the presente state of the Realme), otherwise if he shall not bring fourthe the partie of whome he had the pamphlette, to committe his said neighboure to prison, and to certifie his doinges unto their Lordships.

p. 710.

* *Memorandum.* This letter passed the tenthe of this monethe.

A generall letter to all Bishopes throughe the Realme that wheras her Majestie is crediblie enformed that divers and sundrie preachers in this Realme do onlye applie themselves to thoffice of preachinge and uppon some light conceyte to the dishonore of God, the breache of her Majesties lawes, thoffence of good subjectes and the great contempt of the Sacramentes which growethe therby, do seperat them selfes from the executinge of thon parte of thoffice of a prieste, which is as well to minister the said Sacramentes as to preache the Gospell, and that by this occacion some are compted and termed readinge and ministeringe ministers and some preachers and no Sacrament ministers; and therfore the saide Bishopes are in her Majesties name required to take a viewe of all suche within ther Dioces as do so disjoyne thone parte of the function from thother, and do

* Original marginal note.

not at certen tymes in the yeare aswell minister the Hollie Sacramentes in ther owne persone in what place soever they receave any porcion for preachinge, and then by the eclesiasticall censures to compell them to execute bothe, and suche as they shall finde intractable to send them upp, and to certifie ther Lordships imediatlie uppon ther said view how manye they finde of those recusantes within ther said Dioces, that ther Lordships maye theruppon satisfie her Majestie in that behalfe.

Charge against a preacher.

A letter to the Maiour of Bristoll that where William Saxey and one Roberte Smithes did informe against Mr. Hanmer, a preacher of Bristoll, concerninge a sermon by him made within the said cittie apon the xvijth of November last, tendinge rather to stirr the people to undewtifull conceipt of her Majesties Governement then to teache dewtie and obeydience to God and her Majestie, which ought to be thende of all good preachinge; and albeit there hath ben receaved from him and others a large testimonie of the saide Hanmer for his learning and honeste conversacion amongeste them, as also in parte for his purgacion for the matter wherewith he ys charged, yet forasmuche as by the informacions of the said Saxey and Smithes uppon some sentences and phrases uttered by Hanmer in his sermon their Lordships finde no matter to leade them to doubte what construction may be made of them, and therfore being desirouse to enter into some furder examinacion before Hanmer be throughly released, doe therfore thinck good to have the parties personally to appeare before their Lordships, as well toching the said Hanmer face to face to explicate the sense of their owne informacion, as to make some proofe thereof againste him; they are therfore
p. 711. required fourthwith upon the receipte hereof to take bands in good somes of money to her Majesties use for the undelayed apparence of the said Saxey and Smithes before their Lordships, and that their Lordships may the better judge of their informacion, they are required to signifie their opinions of the men, bothe concerning their relligion

and conversacion, and whether ther hathe not passed heretofore any particuler causes of quarrell and unkindnes betwene the said Hanmer and them, which they are required to sende, together with the apparence of the said Saxey and Smithes.

Wrecking in the Cinque Ports.

A letter to the Lord Cobham, Mr. Barrye, Mr. William Partridge, Mr. Captaine Wilforde, the Mayour of Sandwich for the tyme beinge, that wheras not longe since uppon complaint made unto ther Lordships by certen marchauntes of the spoillinge of three shipes of Dansick, Hamburghe and Antwarpe perished abowt the Downes by storming of weather, laden with sundrie kindes of marchandises, ther Lordships directed ther letters unto Mr. Barrie and others requiringe them to tak some paines for the searching out and restoringe of so muche of the goodes and ladinge of the said shippes as might be fownde or proved to have come unto the handes of the raveninge sort of the people, wherin ther Lordships' letters unto them have not tacken that good effect that in justice is required; ther Lordships therfore pittienge the poor men's cases, thought good to mak choice of the said Lord Cobhame and the rest, earnestlie p[r]aieng and requiringe them to take some paines, and to use ther best indevores for the searchinge and findinge out of the said goodes, or any part or parcell therof, in whose handes, ore (*sic*) in what places so ever the same may remaine, be it within the Five Portes or in any other liberties or franchises whersoever within that countie, and uppon the findinge and discoveringe of the same concealed, by vertu of ther Lordships' letters to cause the parties in whose possession yt shalbe proved to remaine to mak present restitucion therof, or of the just value of so muche as shalbe proved to have com unto ther handes, unto the right owners or ther factores. And in case anie personne in p. 712. whose handes any parte or parcell of the said goodes shalbe founde shall refuse to make restitucion or recompence therof, then they are required also by vertue of ther Lordships' said letters eyther to committ them fourthwith unto prisonne, ther

to remaine untill they shall have restored or mad satisfaction for the said good[s], or otherwise at ther best lickinge to take bandes with sufficient suerties in good sommes of monye for every such personne for ther undelayed apparence personallie before ther Lordships, that theruppon suche furder order may be by ther Lordships tacken with them as shalbe agreable with justice and equitie.

* *xiiij° Januarij*, 1579.

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
The Lord Chamberlane.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Comptroller.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Post horses. A Commission for post horses for Richard White, sent to Stanford.

xvij° Januarij, 1579.

The Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Chamberlane.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.
The Lord of Hunsdon.	

A child in prison. A letter to the Lord Darcye and Sir Thomas Lucas that where uppon the humble peticion of Katherin Lever, that meanes are made unto their Lordships for thenlarging of her sonne, Thomas Lever, a boy of 13 yeares olde, comitted to gaole with one Randall of Ipswich, his master, touching matters of conjuracion, their Lordships not remembering anie particuler cause why the child should be either comitted or remayne so long tyme as he hath don, do require them (in case they know no sufficient cause why he should be any furder detained) to geve order for his setting at libertie; but yf they finde good cause why he should be

* The date and names are given in the margin.

detained, then to advertise their Lordships thereof, to th'ende that his mother maie be satisfied with a reasonable answere in that behaulf.

A letter unto Justice Southcotte that where one Richard King, gaoler of Colchester, hathe by the space of this half yeare remayned prisonner in the Mareschalsea for the escape of one Mantle, naming himself King Edward, who for that cause was committed to the custodie of the said gaoler and afterwardes suffered to escape oute of prison, forasmuch as he desireth (in respecte of his povertie) that putting in suerties he maye be released of his imprisonment, he is therefore required that yf the keper shall be able to finde good suerties for his forthcoming at the next Assises (where their Lordships thincke meete he answere the matter wherewith he is charged, and be proceaded withall for the escape according to the quallitie of his offence) to sett him at libertie, and this their Lordships' letter, shewed unto the Knight Mareschall, shall be unto them bothe a sufficient discharg in that behaulf. p. 713. Release on bail.

A letter of assistaunce to all officers to ayde the bearer of a Commission graunted out of the Courte of the Admiraltie for the searching out of a duble flie boat of the burden of 130 tonnes lading (*sic*) with wynes and other commodities belonging to certen merchauntes of the Lowe Countries. The Admiralty Court.

A letter to Sir Henry Cobham that where their Lordships understande that aboute a yeare paste one Edward Tailor, factor for John Woodward, a merchaunt of London, dyed at Roan in Normandie, by reason of whose deathe as also of a Statute called *Droict d'aubeine*, the Procuratour of the Queen Mother clayming the right of th'administracion of all suche goodes as anie merchaunt strainger dyeng within that Realme is there possessed of at the tyme of his death to appertayne unto the Quene, hathe contrarie to right (as is alleaged) seised all such goods, merchandises and bills of debt of the said John Woodwarde as were remayning in the handes of Tailor at the tyme of his deathe, pretending The French law as to the property of aliens.

them to belong properly to Tailor, the valewe whereof shall appeare unto him by the paper herein inclosed; he is therfore require[d] presently upon the receipte hereof to acquaint the Queen Mother with the matter, and to signifie unto her that her Majestie dothe not a litle mervaile that in a tyme of so greate amitie betwene bothe Realmes anie subjecte of hers should be so hardlie dealte withall in a case so repugnant to justice, and to use all suche other perswasions as he shall thinck good to induce the Queen Mother to be contented to make restitucion of the goodes to the proprietarie thereof, or els to yelde him suche satisfaction as in equitie appertainethe, to th'ende it maye appeare unto her Majestie that no advantage hathe ben taken againste any of her subjectes by any collorable pretence of justice.

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p. 714. Fish from Newfoundland.

laden with Newland fishe and rescued from a pirat by Francis Langharn, of the countie of Pembrooke, might be stayed untill restitucion should be made unto the said Hinton and the rest of a shipp of theirs detayned in Brytaigne by the meanes of one Peter Le Salle, their Lordships wrote their letters unto him, bearing date the xiiijth of December, that he should, according to the peticion of the said Hinton and the rest, cause the ship aforesaid to be staied; and now by dew proofe before him as he signefyeth yt hathe appeared that the said shipp, by the name of the Pellicanne, and the fishe doe appertaine unto one Roger Poiton of Quillebif in Normandie, whoe desireth restitucion therof, and was not long since recommended unto her Majestie by speciall letters from the Duke of Anjou, the Frenche Kinges brother, he desiereth to know from their Lordships whether, notwithstanding their former letters unto him for the staie of the shipp and fishe, he may without allowance decree restitucion of the same unto the proprie-

tary, their Lordships geve him to understand that for as muche as the proprietie of the said shipp and goodes hathe bene, as he enfourmeth, sufficiently proved before him to belonge unto the said Poicton, they doe very well like that the same be restored unto him, and therfore doe require him to proceede to the decreing of restitucion accordinglie, &c.

The Cinque Ports and the writ of *Withernam.*

Whereas the Lordes of her Majesties Privie Councell, by their letter dated the ixth of this present monethe of Januarye, recomended unto the consideracion of the Lord Cheife Baron, Justice Southcotte, the Judg of the Admiraltie and Mr. Doctor Aubrey a matter in controversie betwene the Alderman and Societie of the Stilliarde and the towne of Dover concerning a demaunde made by one Andrewe Miller, a skypper of Hamburghe, of certen charges whereunto the said Miller was put by reason of an execucion of a write of *Withernam* used againste him by the towne of Dover, which by the opinions of the Commissioners aforesaid they could not by vertue of any charter or graunte in that behaulf made unto them that could be shewed lawfully have don, the said Commissioners therfore, by their Lordships' said letter being required to declare in writing their opinions what in equitie and conscience were fitte to be allowed unto the said Miller for his charges and damages sustained by his imprisonment have by their letter of the xiijth of this presente signified the same accordingly, which by their p. 715.
Lordships is verie well liked and allowed of, and commaunded to be recorded worde for worde in the Councell Booke as their Lordships' speciall Order in that behaulf to be put in execution. The letter followethe:—

May it please your good Lordships, according to your * Stilliarde.
letters of the ixth of this instant for the matter betwene the Alderman and Society of the Stilliarde and the towne of Dover we have herd both parties, and for any presidentes that they of the Cinque Portes have used their *Wither-*

* Original marginal note.

The Cinque Ports and the writ of *Withernam.*

nam proces againste any of the Hanse Townes of the Steedes they of Dover towne have not shewed unto us, and whether in furder tyme for searche they can produce any, they are doubtefull (because they know not the names of all the same Hanse Townes), but it appeared unto us that by collor of generall wordes in their custome they may use that kind of processe to the gouvernours of all townes (corporate and navigable) *tam ultra mare quam citra*, therfore they thought no towne under any Princes dominion beyonde the sea exempt (used or not used by president) and so noe willfull error in them of Dover. Nevertheles to take furder tyme to searche for names of the Hanse Townes and so for presidentes woulde require their newe journeyes, travaile and expenses, and furder trouble unto your Lordships then they are willing should ensewe, and the matter being of no more waight they either (*sic*) desire some reasonable ende presently touching the costes of the skypper stayed at Dover by the space of thirtene weekes (as was confessed), for which respectes (as the case servethe) the recompence we thincke reasonable to be the somme of x^{li}, to be payed by the partie plaintife yf he be able, and for want of his sufficiencie by them of the Portes; nevertheles we do humbly referre the said somme of costes to be augmented or diminished as to your Lordships good consideracions shall be thought meete, with this caution to be ordered before your Lordships, that notwithstanding they of Dover do thus yielde in respecte to avoyde their furder journeys and charges (aboute this smale cause), yet the same maie not be any conclusion or prejudice againste them yf by furder searche hereafter they can fynde
p. 716. any president of *Withernam* processe used againste any of the Hanse Townes, and thus we do humbly take our leaves.

At London this xiiijth day of January, 1579.

Your Lordships' humbly to commaunde,

Roger Manwoode.
John Southcotte.
David Lewes.
William Awbrey.

* xxth January, 1579.

Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.
Mr. Vicechamberlane.	

A letter to Sir William Winter, knight, and Georg Winter, esquire, to make ther repaires to their Lordships immediatly upon the receipt of the same. The two Winters.

* *xxij° Januarij*, 1579.

Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Chamberlaine.	

A letter to Sir Henry Ratecliffe, knight, that where for sundrie good consideracions their Lordships thincke it necessarie that the towne of Portsmouthe, with as muche expedicion as may be, be put in some suche kinde of strenght, and therfore before they proceade to any resolucion in this pointe to have conferrence with him and others beste acquainted with the state of that place, and therfore doe require hym fourthwith uppon the receipte hereof [to come up], accompanied with Mr. Lyfelde, Captaine of Southsea Castell and Popingay, her Majesties Surveyour of Portesmouthe, to whom he is required to shewe theise their Lordships' letters for that pourpose. Requiring them also to bring withe them suche plattes, papers and other instructions as maye beste informe their Lordships of the present state of the said towne and Isle, to th'ende that her Majestie being trulie advertised of every particular matter appertayning to his charg, they maye geve suche direction for the furder strenghtning of the said places as by her Highnes and their Lordships shalbe thought meete. Precautions at Portsmouth.

* The dates and names are given in the margin.

* *23° Januarij*, 1579.

Appearance before the Clerk.

This daye John Worsley, gentleman, bounde to make his personnall apparence before the Lordes of her Majesties moste honnorable Privie Councell, hathe in dischardg of his said bande entered his apparence, and ys nevertheles commaunded to geve hys contynuall attendance untill by their Lordships he shalbe dismissed.

† Presence as before, adding the Lord Threasurer.

The rising in Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Irelande signifieng the sending of certen victuall, money and munition unto him for the service there, as also directing him for his proceding againste the rebbells, &c., according to the minute remayning in the Councell Chest.

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p. 718. *xxiiij° Januarij*, 1579.

The Lord Chauncellor.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlane.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Earl of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.
The Lord Chamberlane.	Sir Walter Myldmay.

Warrant for payment.

A warrant to the Tresurer and Chamberlane of her Majesties Exchequer to pay unto Henry Moyle the somme of lx^{li}, in consideration of certain charges which he was at for her Majesties service.

p. 719. *xxv° Januarij*, 1579.

The Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlane.
The Lord Chamberlane.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Earl of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.

* The date is given in the margin.
† Given in the margin.

A letter to the Lord President and the Councell of Yorke to committ the Maior of Yorke to prison and to send him up afterwardes to the Lordes, according to the minute in the Councell Chest. The Mayor of York imprisoned.

A letter of recommendation to the Lord Justice of Irland in the behalf of Lodowike Brisket, Clerke of the Councell in Irland, wherin ther Lordships pray him to suffer him to continew the exercise of that office so long as he shall shew him sellf a . An unfinished entry.

VJ severall warrantes to the Tresurer of the Chamber to pay unto thes persons following, to every one, the somme of x^{li}, viz.:—To the Maister and Childern of her Majesties Chappell, vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}, and by way of reward from her Majesty iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}, to the Lord Chamberlanes players in like sort, to the Earl of Leycester's players in like sort, to the Earl of Warwikes players in like sort, to the Lord Straunges tumblers in like sort, to the Maister and Children of St. Powle in like sort, for having presented ther playes before her Majestie. Payments for plays.

A warrant of assistaunce to all Viceadmiralls, Justices of the Peace, &c., for processe graunted out of her Majesties Courte of the Admiraltie upon spoiles committed uppon a shipp called the Pellican of Quilbeof, laden with Newland fishe, to have the goodes restored, the offendours taken according to the facte and meaning of the processe. Newfoundland fish.

A letter to Mr. Fraunces Godolphin and John Arundell, Vice Admirall of Cornewall, to release and sett at libertie a Spanishe shipp laden with wolles which was staied within the haven of Pensance in the countie of Cornewall. p. 720. For release of a Spanish ship.

xxvij° Januarij, 1579, Starr Chamber.

The Lord Chauncellor.
The Lord Tresurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary Wylson.
Sir Walter Mildmay.

* Original marginal note.

The Baltic trade.

Five severall letters to the Customers and officers of the portes of London, Hull, Newcastell, Ipswiche and Lynne requiring them that no shipp doe passe owt of thoase portes under their offices towardes Eastland, unlesse they first take bandes of them in good sommes according to the valew of their merchandize, to her Majesties use, that they shall discharge their marchandizes only at Elbing, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

The Clerk of the Irish Council.

A Commission for post horses for Lodovike Brisket, sent into Ireland for her Majesties service.

An imprisoned recusant.

A letter to the Shiref of the countie of Cambrige that wheras more than a yeare sithens there was commytted prisoner to the Castell of Cambridge one Evans Fludd for his obstinacy in refusing to come to the churche in tyme of sermons and Common Prayer, their Lordships being crediblie geven to understand that through couldnes and straightnes of the said prison he is so swollen in his lymmes as he is in daunger of his life, and albeyt that they find little cause to shew favour to personnes so obstinate, yet in respect of the recoverie of his of his (*sic*) healthe their Lordships have bene contented, uppon earnest sute made in his behalf, that he shall be removed owt of the said Castell to some gentillman's howse in that countie of such good disposicion in Religeon as he may be induced to conformitie rather then to persever in his obstinacie; willing him also to take bandes of one hundereth poundes to her Majesties use that he shalbe trewe prisoner in the said house and the gardins and convenient walls (*sic*) abowt the same, and that yf within fower monethes he doe not shew him[self] conformable in that point of coming to the churche he shall retorne againe prisoner unto the said Castell, and theare remayne as he dothe at this present untill further order shalbe taken, &c.

p. 721. Guernsey law.

A letter to the Balif and Jurates of her Majesties Isle of Guernsey that wheras one Nicholas Carie, a Jurate of

that Isle, having appealed unto her Majestie and to their Lordships from a sentence geven against him by the said Bailif and Jurates supposed to be contrarie to equitie, they have caused him to be commytted to prison and theare to be detayned till suche time as he shall desist from his said appeale; to the end that the matter may proceed with uprightnes according to lawe their Lordships doe require them to take bandes of him as they are accustomed by their orders for the prosequution of appeales in cases appealable, so that by his said bandes he maie answere the former sentence in case yt shalbe found that he have no just cause to appeale, and so to sett him at libertie owt of prison; and yf ther shalbe any other cause that they have to alleage against him, their Lordships' pleasure is that they informe them therof, with the prooves, by the time of his apparence, that they may then charge them therwith and deale further, &c.

The defence of the East Coast.

A letter to Sir Robert Wingfeild that wheare their Lordships were informed that certaine greate ordenaunce lying at the townes of Alboroughe, Dunwich, Sowthwold and Leistoft for the defence of thos partes ar now dismounted and want some necessary reparacions, their Lordships required him to repaire unto the townes and taking view of all the said peeces, to consider in what sort they may be best repaired, and to deale with the princepall officers theare that they may be repaired of their owne charge, wherunto they are bound by a certaine indenture, bering date of the xjth yeare of her Majesties raigne, betwene the Earl of Warwicke and the towne of Alborough, as may appeare, &c.; and wheare their Lordships were likewise geven to understande that one Robert Day hath heretofore imployed his labour and disbursed some moneye in the mounting and ordering of the said ordenaunce, and hathe hitherto receved no recompence, their Lordships, in respect of his former service and charges, thought it reasonable to praie the said Sir Robert Wingfeild to induce the said townes by waie of request to yeld unto the said Day some reasonable stipend

to take charge of the foresaid peeces, wherby they may be mayntayned serviceable for the defence of thos partes, &c.

p. 722. Guns illegally exported. This day Thomas Fermer, gentleman, being called before their Lordships and charged with the sending over of iron caste ordenance out of this Realme into Spayne, he confessinge his falte in that behalf was committed prisoner to the Warden of the Fleete.

An imprisoned recusant. To the Shreif of Cambridgeshere to aucthorize him to remove Evans Fludd, imprisoned in the Castle of Cambridge for refusinge to come to the churche, to some gentleman's house well disposed to the state of Religion, to take bandes of him to be true prisoner within that house and the gardens and walkes about it, and to retourne prisoner againe to Cambridge in case he shall not reforme him self in Religion within iiij monethes.

Francis Tregian. A letter to the Lord Cheef Justice and the rest of the Justices of the Queenes Bench to give order for the removing the body of Frauncis Tregean out of the Queenes Bench to the Fleet.

p. 723. Westminster, the last of January, 1579.

The presence:—

The Lord Chauncellour.	Therle of Leicester.
The Lord Threasurer.	The Lord Hunsdon.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlen.
The Lord Chamberlen.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
Therle of Bedford.	Sir Walter Mildmay.

Warwickshire delinquents. To the Shreif of the countie of Warwick that for certeine unlawfull misdemeanours committed in that countie betwene Richard Lane and Thomas Hunkes with their assistantes, he shall forthewith take order that they may appere before their Lordships that their faltes may be inquired of according to the lawe and certified accordinglie, and if any of the said gentlemen be departed into any other countie

he should signifie the same to the Shreif of the said countie where they shall be thought to be, and he to do in all pointes as himself in case they should be found within that countie of Warwick.

This daie complainte exhibited by the Lord Thomas Poulet against Christofer Escote, James Bowltinge and John Davie, vicar of ————————, that they had taken bribes and used other dishonest practises in chandging of souldyers appointed for the service of Ireland out of the countie of Somerset, were by their Lordships' order comitted prisoners to the Marshalsie. Recruiting irregularities.

A letter to Sir Morrice Barkley and Sir Georg Rogers, knightes, to send up Thomas Godfrey under safe keeping to ther Lordships.

A generall letter to the maritime countyes, viz., Cornwale, Devon, Dorcet, Hamshire, Sussex, Kent, Essex, Suffolk, Northfolk, for the putting in a redines of such numbers of men as have heertofore bene allotted to repaire unto the sea coastes for the defence of the places of descent, according to the minutes in the Councell Chest. * All these letters delivered the first of February to Robert Pedley, William Newall, David Jenkins, Woolstane, Randall, and Langham.

A generall memorandum for the upland counties, viz., Somerset, Wiltes, Berks, Surrey, London, Hertford, Cambridge, Ely, Huntingdon, Lincoln, for the putting in a readines of such nombers of men to repaire to the maritizme (*sic*) counties next adjoininge for the better defence of the same if nede shall require, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest. p. 724.

† A general letter for Essex, Kent, Dorcet, Cornwale and Southampton for the viewing of the fortes and castles within the said counties.

A generall letter to the Lord Cobham for Kent, to the Marques of Winchester, the Lord Vicount of Bindon, Sir John Horsey, knight, and Mr. George Trenchard, esquier, for the county of Dorcet, to the Lord Delaware, Sir William Kingsmill, Sir Richard Norton, knightes, and Mr. James Paget, esquier, for Hamshire, to Sir Richard Greenvile,

* Original marginal note.

† This entry has afterwards been struck out.

knight, William Mohun, Jhon Trefry, John Godolphin and Jhon Arundell of Trerice, esquiers, for Cornwale, for a survey to bee made of all the castells and fortes, &c., within the counties aforesaid, according to the minute in the Councell Chest.

ij° Februarij, 1579.

* The Lord Chauncellor.
The Lord Admirall.
The Earl of Bedford.
The Lord of Hunsdon.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

A summons. A letter to Edward Tirrell, esquire, of the county of Buckingham, to make his undelayed repaire unto ther Lordships.

iij° Februarij, 1579.

* Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlayne.
Therle of Leicester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Sir Henry Sidney.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Bothe Mr. Secretaries.

For an arrest. A letter to all Justices of Peace in the countie of Surrey for the apprehending of one Nicholas Whitfeld of Ledered and to send him upp unto their Lordships in safe keping to be answerable to suche thinges as shall be objected against him at his cominge.

iiij° Februarij, 1579.

* The Lord Chamberlane.
The Earl of Leycester.
The Lord of Hunsdon.
Mr. Vicechamberlane.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Post horses. A Commission for iiij post horses for William Gardiner, gentleman, sent into Irland for her Majesties service.

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* The names are given in the margin.

Another for viij post horses for Henry Anderson, gentleman, sent to Newcastle in the North for her Majesties affaires.

iiij° (sic) *Februarij*, 1579. p. 725.

A charge of murder.

This day delivered unto Jhon Bordman of Marlborough in the county of Wiltshire a certificat with certain examinations concerning a supposed murder to have bene committed upon one Boreman, sent unto ther Lordships from Sir John Davers, knight, and Mr. Michael Ernele, esquire, and givenun to the sayd Bordmon by the commaundment of Mr. Secretary Wylson to bee delivered unto the Lord Cheef Baron, to thend he may proceed against the offendors at the next Assises to bee holden in the county of Wilts according unto justice.

A summons obeyed.

This day Edward Tirrell, of the county of Buckingham, esquire, being commaunded by a letter from ther Lordships of the second of this present to make his undelayed repaire unto ther Lordships hath required his apparance to bee recorded, and is commaunded to give his attendance heer untill he shall bee dismissed by ther Lordships.

At Whithall the vijth of February. p. 726.

The presence :—

The Lord Chauncelor.	The Earl of Lecester.
The Lord Treasorer.	Sir Henry Sidney.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Visechamberlaine.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.
The Earl of Bedford.	

The export of iron guns.

This daye Thomas Fermar, gentleman, that had bene before commytted prisoner to the Fleet for the transporting of iron ordinaunce owt of the Realme, uppon his humble submission acknowledging his fault and promising never to doe the like againe, was by their Lordships' order set at libertie.

Walter Raleigh.

The same daye Sir Thomas Parrot, knight, and Walter Rawley, gentleman, being called before their Lordships for a fraye made betwixt them, were by their Lordships' order commytted prisoners to the Fleet.

A new harbour in the West.

A letter to the Earl of Bedford, the Lord Cheif Barron, Mr. Vicechamberlaine and Mr. Secretary Walsingham, conscerning the making of Colleton Haven in the countie of Devon, according to the mynute in the Councell Chest.

The Mayor of York.

A letter to the Lord President and Counsell of Yorke concerning the punishing of the Maiour of Yorke, according to the minute in the Councell Chest.

p. 727.

viiij° Februarij, 1579.

The Lord Chauncellor.
The Lord Tresurer.
The Lord Admirall.
Mr. Vicechamberlane.
Mr. Secretary Wylson.

A disputed lease.

A letter to Mr. Bassett, Mr. Poole, Mr. Sacheverell and Mr. Gell, wheras their Lordships uppon a complaint of Germaine Watson and Jane, his wife, against Mrs. Jane Harper for dispossessing of them from one tenement and certaine landes therunto belonging, addressed their letter unto the said Mrs. Harper to suffer them to enjoye the possession therof quietlie; she alledging the said Watson's lease to be of noe validitie, their Lordships thought to make choice of them fower, requiring them to call bothe parties before them with suche proofes and witnesses as ether of them can produce for testefying of the truthe, and thereuppon to compound the matter betwene them by bothe their consentes, or else to advertise in whome they shall finde the default, and to use all expedicion therin for the better releif of the complainantes.

The capmaking monopoly.

To the Auditour of the Prestes that where certeine complaintes have bene made against Robert Blunt of Lichefeld and John Grene of Coventrie, cappers, for lewde and unjust misdemeanours used by them in the collection and distribu-

cion of such money uppon the forfeitures of the Statutes for the making and wearing of cappes as was graunted by her Majesties Letters Patentes for the releif of the decaied artificers of that kinde in sundrie townes, the said Blunt and Grene beinge committed to the Marshalsey for their said offences; their Lordships being desirous to have the said complaintes brought to an ende, the said Auditours are required with as muche oportunitie as may be to cause the said prisoners to be brought before them, and aswell by the papers and scroles which are sent unto them herewith, as by the accusacions which one of them shall lay against the other, to charge eche of them as depelie as may be, and to take their accomptes howe they shall be able to discharg themselfes, and as their reckoninges shall thereuppon falle out to send the same in perfecte order under their handes unto their Lordships, that thereuppon they may be further ponished as their faltes shall deserve, and to use expedicion herein. p. 728.

Land in Ireland in dispute.

To the Lord Justice of Ireland in the behalf of Constance Kinge, widowe, for a *caveat* to be entered for certaine landes nere the Abbie of Dublyn, accordinge to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

Sir H. Sidney's return to Wales.

To the Bishop of Worcester, Vicepresident of the Counsell in the Marches of Wales, that where Sir Henrie Sidney, knight, Lord President there, doth presentlie make his repaire unto those partes to exercise this office of Lord President, and allthough their Lordships do very well allowe of his doinges whilest he exercised that office, and in her Majesties behalf and their owne do yelde unto him their harty thanckes, yet nowe for as muche as the said Lord President dothe nowe meane to attende it himself he is required to yeld the place unto him, and as a good and faithefull Counsellor there to yelde him the best assistance that he can in that office, &c.

Welsh cases.

To the Vicepresident and Counsell of the Marches of Wales in the behalf of John Weaver, one of the Attornies there, with a complaint exhibited by him against Mr. Fabian

Phillippes; the said Vicepresident and Counsell are required to examyne the cause, and putting Mr. Phillippes aparte, not to be as any judge therein but as a partie to answer, to use all good meanes that they can to understand the trueth of the matter, and to make some good ende according to justice; or els if through the obstinacie of any partie they cannot do it, then to advertise in whome they shall finde the defalt, with their opinions of the stat of the matter, that if the same shall be pursued any further before their Lordships they may the better be able to judge what is to be don therein.

p. 729. To the Vicepresident and Counsell of the Marches of Wales towching certeine causes to be answered by them unto their Lordships, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest, with a certene note what reparacions have bene done within the house there.

Flesh in Lent. To the Lord Maiour of the Cittie of London towching order to be taken for the killing and eatinge of fleshe in the Lent tyme next, according to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

The Court of High Commission. To the Bishop of Exon that one Antony Randoll, accused before his Lordship for certeine hereticall and erronious opinions, may be removed hether to have his cause herd before the High Commissioners here for Ecclesiasticall Causes, the which request seminge resonable to their Lordships they have yelded their assentes thereunto, and that he may be ordered according to the due course of the lawes as the said Commissioners and his Lordship uppon the due knowledge of the nature of his cause shall think to be most metest for the furderaunce of the Ghospell and the suppressing of his errours, and that the removing of him may be don uppon the parties own charges, and that there may be sent with him the whole proces of his cause with such evident profes as the matter may not be carried away in darkenes, nor he to be excused by his own wordes when there shall be no boddy to charg him with his faltes.

To the Capten of the Isle of Garsey, or to his Lieute- Jersey law.
nante there for the tyme beinge, with a complaint thereinclosed exhibited by one Hughe Huberd of that Ile against one Peter De La Roque, some tymes her Majesties Attorney there, for a matter in controversie betwene the said parties; the said Capten or his Lieutenante there are required to calle unto him v or vj of the most principall Jurates there, in which behalf the complainant hath named Mr. Hillary Cartwright, Mr. Hugh Perryn, Mr. Hillarie De Mare and Mr. Nicholas Solmon, yet notwithstanding the Capten is required to forsee that the choice of the said Jurates may be taken of such as shall be most indifferent and upright in the cause, and with their assistaunce to use all good meanes that he p. 730.
can to informe themselfes of the truthe of the matter, and to bringe the parties to some good agrement by bothe their consentes; or if they cannot so do then to advertise their Lordships in whome they shall finde the defalt, with their opinions also in the matter, that if further sute shall be made hereafter their Lordships may order the same according to justice.

Uppon the humble peticion of Leonarde Cowton, prisoner Release on bail.
in the Marshalsey by their Lordships' comandement, it was this day, viz., the viijth of February, ordered and so sett downe, under the hande of Mr. Secretarie Walsingham, that bandes should be taken of the said Cowton for his good behaviour and he thereuppon sett at libertie, which bandes being nowe taken accordinglie he is thereuppon delivered and sett at libertie.

xiij° Februarij, 1579, Starr Chamber.

The Lord Chauncellor.
The Lord Tresurer.
The Lord Admirall.
The Lord Chamberlane.
The Earl of Bedford.
Mr. Tresurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlane.
Mr. Secretary Wylson.

A private dispute.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwich and Sir William Paston, knight, to examine a matter in controversy between one Thomas Stokes of the city of Norwich and Andrew Russell of Sloly in the county of Northampton, and ether to end the same or else to certify their Lordships in whom the default is.

Murder and robbery in Gloucestershire.

To the Justices of the Assises in the countie of Gloucester with a peticion inclosed conteyning some strange and indirect dealinges in a cause of murder committed within the cittie of Gloucester uppon one Roberte Medlicotte by Frauncis Marshe and others; they are required to take some paines in the due examinacions thereof, according as is desired in the peticion, and thereuppon to proceed by the due course of the lawes according as the offence hathe deserved, and to accomplishe the same accordinglie, &c.

p. 731. To the Justices of Assise in the cittie and countie of Gloucester with a peticion inclosed exhibited by Johane Huntley and William Wollarie of Lassingdon, complayning of a notorious robbery committed by certeine persons disguised; and for as muche as there hath not bene such dilligence used in the examinacions of that cause, as that it is inconvenient that such a facte should passe unknowne, they are required at the tyme of their repaire thether to hold the Assises there in that cittie and countie, that they make choice of some gentlemen thereaboutes well inclined to justice to examine the cause with all circumstances thereto belonging, and according as the matter shall falle out to procede to the ponishement thereof by justice and the due course of the lawe; and if it shalle falle out uppon any presumpcion that there shall be any disposicion to conceale the facte or to hold it secret, then to cause some of the principall suspectes to be sent upp to the Tower, with significacion also of the principall presumpcions that they are to be charged with, that thereuppon furder order may be taken to discover the truthe.

Walter Raleigh.

This day Sir Thomas Perrot, knight, and Walter Rawly, gentleman, being called before their Lordships and com-

maunded to bring in suerties the day following to enter into bandes with them for the keeping of her Majesties peace the one towardes thother, and in the mean season to demean them selfes quietly, were released of ther imprisonment in the Fleet.

Complaint against the Mayor of Lynn.

A letter to Sir William Buttes, Sir Henry Woodhous, Thomas Farmer and William Rigges, that wheras Mr. William Heydon, Viceadmirall of Norffolk, mad complaint unto their Lordships of injuryes done unto him and his officers to (*sic*) the Maiour of Lynne, to the hinderaunce of her Majesties service in that office, their Lordships being desierous to understand aswell the trouthe therof as also what answere the said Maiour will make therto, thought good to send certaine articles exhibited unto them with a Bill of Complaint touching the same unto them, requiring them to call before them aswell the said Viceadmirall and suche of his offiers as doe pretend the said injuryes done to them, as also the Maiour by him selfe or some other instructed for him, and theruppon to take suche proofes as the said Viceadmirall shall produce for justificacion of the said articles, and likewise the aunswer of the said Maiour to the same, with suche other thinges as he shall be hable to shewe for his defence therin, and to certifie the same unto their Lordships fourthwith in wrighting under their handes and seales, &c. p. 732.

The corn trade.

A letter to the Commissioners for the Restrainte of Graine and Victuells within the countie of Gloucester towching the unlawful transportacion of corne by one Robinson, her Majesties Searcher theare, according to the mynit (*sic*) in the Councell Chest.

xiiij° Februarij, 1579.

The Lord Chauncellor.
The Lord Tresurer.
The Lord Admirall.
The Lord Chamberlane.
The Earl of Bedford.
The Earl of Leycester.
The Lord of Hunsdon.
Mr. Tresurer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlane.
Mr. Tresurer (*sic*).

* Delivered to Thomas Walker.

A letter to the Lord Darcy, Sir Thomas Lucye (*sic*), knight, and Edmond Pirton, esquier, according to an enteraunce before of the last of January towching the viewing and surveying of the castels and fortes within the county of Essex.

Edmund Bedingfeld.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwich to suffer Edmund Bedingfeeld to have liberty to folow his business untill the ende of Easter Terme next insuing, at which time, if he conforme not him self, he shall returne to prison again, for the which purpose the Bishop is required to take bandes of him.

p. 733. The Cambridgeshire levies.

To the Lord North and the rest of the Commissioners for the last Generall Musters in the county of Cambrige, in awnswer of ther's of the ixth of the same, wherin ther Lordships give them thankes for ther good inclination to her Majesties service, and pray them that the 500 men appointed within that county and the Isle for defence against any attempt of invasion to be made in thos partes should bee devided in this sort, viz.;—ij third partes into bowes and shott, and the rest into bills, halberdes and pikes, sufficiently provided with such furniture as appertaineth, and especially the archers to bee good and sufficient.

† The Lord Chauncelor.
The Lord Treasorer.
The Lord Admirall.
The Earl of Leicester.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretarie Wilson.

An embargo on shipping.

A letter to the Viceadmiralls and officers of the portes in the maritime counties towching the staying of all the shipps and marryners belonging to anie of her Majesties subjectes from going to sea, according to the minit in the Councell Chest.

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* Original marginal note.

† The names are given in the margin without date or place.

These letters were delivered, viz.:—

To Dutton, Newall, Morgan, Jenkens, Shakespeare and Farrar, } Messengers of her Majesties Chamber.

xviijth of February, 1579.

The Lord Chauncellor.	The Lord Hunsdon.
The Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Tresurer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlane.
The Lord Chamberlane.	The 2 Secretaryes.
The Earl of Leycester.	
The Earl of Bedford.	

Murder in Somerset. p. 734.

A letter to the Sherife of Somersett for the appointing of a sufficient Jury of good and indifferent men for thenquiry and triall of the murther committed by Jhon Morgan upon Nicholas Turbervile, esquire, at the next Assizes to bee helde in that county, and to have regard that the said Morgan may bee safely kept to bee forthcoming to awnswer unto justice.

An illegal marriage.

To the Lord President and Councell of the Marches of Wales, with the peticion of one Richard Lane inclosed, that wheare the complainant was committed to prison ther in September last for being unadvisedly in the company of one Thomas Morgan, who took away the daughter of Roger Chambers, being under the age of xvj yeers, and maried her, contrary to a Statute made *4° et 5° Philippi et Marie* prohibiting the same, they ar required that in case the quality of his offence shal so bear it they will ether forthwith sett him at liberty without bandes, or else to take bandes of him with sufficient suerties for his forthcoming

when so ever he shall bee called to awnswer to any matter that shall be objected against him towching the sayd point.

Paris Garden. A warrant to the Tresurer of the Chamber to pay unto Mr. Thomas Bowes, esquire, Master of her Majesties Game at Paris Garden, the sum of v^{li} for conveighing the same game to the Court, to bee presented before her Majestie uppon Twelf Day last.

Dispute as to a lease. A letter to Mr. Sandes, Mr. Hampton, Mr. Burlacy, Mr. Challoner Clerk, Mr. Cheny, or twoo of them, that whereas a complaint was exhibited unto their Lordships by one John Honnour of some hard dealinges used towardes him by one Edward Honnour, now decesed, Richard Moseley and Richard Trumper touching a lease with an antedate supposed to be made by the said Edward in his life time to the said Richard Trumper, with an intent to overthrowe the interest of the said John Honnour of twoo milnes which (as yt was alledged) weare conveighed unto the said John Honnour by the said Edward *bona fide,* their Lordships think yt agreable with justice (yf the informacion of the said John Honnour shall appeare to be trewe), and have advised to make choice of them five as fitt persons to have the hearing therof, and have likewise thought good to re-
p. 735. quire them, or anie twoo of them, callinge the parties on bothe sides before them, substanciallie to examyn the contentes of the said complaint with suche witnesses and proofes as may be produced to testefie the trouthe therin, and so to compound the matter betwene the parties with bothe their consentes, yf yt may be, or ells to certefie unto their Lordships what they finde and in whome the default is, together with their opynions, that suche order may be taken betwene them as shall be thought agreable with justice and equitie, &c.

A mercantile case. A letter to Sir John Rivers, Mr. Alderman Osborne, Anthony Cage, Robert Offeley, Thomas Norton and Andrewe Palmer, or anie thre of them, touching a matter in con-

troversie betwene Iserall Johnson and John Nicholson, according to the minute in the Councell Chest.

xix° Februarij, 1579. p. 736.

Lord Chauncellor.	The Lord of Hunsdon.
The Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Tresurer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Earl of Bedford.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
The Earl of Leycester.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.

Casks for the Navy.

A letter to the Lord Maior of London that wheras Mr. Bash, Surveyor Generall for the Victuals of her Majesties Shippes, is at this present to imploy a great number of coupers for the making of casque and other thinges necessary for her Majesties service, the which requireth expedition, their Lordships pray him that all such coupers as Mr. Bash shall name unto him for that purpose within the City of London may bee appointed to attend only upon that service, and not to bee withdrawn by the Wardens of the Company or any other whatsoever untill such time as they shall bee discharged by the said Mr. Bash.

Marine assurance.

A letter unto the Lord Maiour, &c., that where ther Lordships are given to understand that Mr. Alderman Branche and certen other assurers refuse to stand to such order and judgment as hath been made by a Judg of the Admiraltye and other Commissioners sufficiently authorised in that behalf, given in a matter of controversye between them and certen other merchantes of that City, forasmuch as ther Lordships thinck that the said Judg and Commissioners wold do nothing but what was agreable with lawe and justice, and therfore cannot [allow] of any soche refusall as ys said to be made by the said Alderman and his partners, therfore he shold send for the said Alderman and the rest, and will them ether to satisfy the said order and judgment, or els make his repair hither to shew what lawfull cause may be pretended to the contrary, according to the minute.

p. 737. Secret armour. A letter unto the Maior of Coventrie in answer of one from him of the vjth of this present, thancking him for the committing of one Thomas Swynerton there stayed for the wearing of a privye cote against her Majesties late Proclamacion, and he was not released by the said Maior before he understode ther Lordships' pleasure, neverthelesse bycause yt was enformed that he minded to repair into the Realm of Irland to sett him at liberty.

Impress of seamen. Five placartes for the empressing of 150 maryners in the county of Dorsett, 400 in the county of Devon, 100 in the county of Southampton, 150 in Kent, 150 in Sussex, 150 in Norffolk, 150 in Suffolk, and 100 in Essex; requiring the Viceadmiralls, Justices, and other officers to be ayding and assisting unto such persones as were sent for that purpos from the officers of the Admiralty, according to a mynute and note remayning in the Chest.

The London soapmakers. A letter to Mr. Fanshawe, Remembrancer of her Majesties Exchequer, touching certen bandes remayning in his custody heretofore taken of the sope makers of the City of London, sent together with the copy of an order made between them and Larrance Mellowes by Mr. Comptroller and Mr. Secretary Wilson, &c., requiring him to restore soch bandes of p. 738. the said sope makers as he shold be advertised from Mr. Alderman Osborn and the said Larrance Mellowes to be willing to stand to the said order, &c., and to retayn the rest in his custody untill he shold receive other order, according to a mynute remayning in the Chest.

Troubles in the Royal Forests. Three letters to the Sheriffes of the countyes of Southampton, Sussex and Surrey that wheras it was enformed unto their Lordships that certen persons being disguised and armed with unlawfull weapons had in the night season hunted in her Majesties Forest of Estbeare, wherof Sir Henry Ratcliff hath the custody and charge, the said offendors having left behind them certen geldinges, clokes, hattes and other tokens wherby it is thought it may be understode who were the offendors, they are required by the best

means they can to make enquiry and examination of the matter according to soch informacions as shold be delivered unto them by the bearer, and to committ such persons as they shold find to be culpable, or vehemently charged and suspected, to answer ther misdemeanours according to lawe, and to certify ther Lordships as they conveniently may, &c.

A letter unto Sir Thomas Lucye Sir Fulke Grivell, knightes, Mr. John Talbot and Edward Boughton, esquiers, that whearas their Lordships had formerlie written unto Sir Thomas Lucy and Mr. John Talbot for the examyning and compounding of a matter in controversie between Sir John Throkmorton, knight, and the tennauntes of her Majesties Forrest of Fekenam, and being geven to understand of their whole proceedinges therin, and finding that the matter in question betwene them stoode not uppon anie soche hard termes as ought not in reason to be easelie accorded, for that they desiered suche order mought be taken in the cause as they mought be [no] more trobled with the complainantes in that behalf, thought good as well for the ease of Sir Thomas Lucy and Mr. John Talbot as for the better aucthorising of them to proceed in that matter to make some finall ende betwene bothe parties, according to a minit in the Councell Chest. A confused entry. p. 739.

xxij° Februarij, 1579.

The Lord Chauncellor.	The Lord of Hunsdon.
The Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Tresurer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlane.
The Lord Chamberlane.	Both the Secretaryes.
The Earl of Bedford.	

This day, at the humble request of Mr. Henry Outrede, esquier, of the county of Southampton, who made suit unto ther Lordships that notwithstanding a Generall Restraint given by them for the staying of all the shippes and mariners within the Realme from going to the seas, ether The embargo relaxed.

by way of traffique or otherwise, untill further direction should bee given to the contrary, he might have liberty to putt certain of his shippes to the seas for the trade of fishing, it was ordered by ther Lordships that in respect of the great charges which he had susteined in building vj shippes for the service of her Majestie and the Realm, he should have licence (so as he did leave his greatest shipp and ij others, such as the Lord Admirall should appoint for that purpose, to serve her Majestie when occasion should bee offred) to send the rest of his shippes to the seas to pass into any part that is in good league and amity with
p. 740. her Majesty by way of trade and not otherwise; it is likewise ordered by ther Lordships that the Lord Admirall should licence the merchantes' shipps that have cause to trade into the Low Countryes and to Embden to depart notwithstanding the said Restraint.

Piracy. A letter of assistance for a process directed out of the Court of the Admiralty to all her Majesties officers to bee ayding unto David Atkinson, one of the Messengers of her Majesties Chamber, for the apprehending of certain pirates, and finding out of certain goodes belonging unto Anke Jhonson and Gilbert Jhonson and others merchantes of Anchusen in Holland, whereof they complained to have bene spoyled by one Gylbert Horsley and his complices.

xxiij° Februarij, 1579.

The Lord Chauncellor.	The Lord of Hunsdon.
The Lord Tresurer.	Mr. Vicechamberlane.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Chamberlane.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.
The Earl of Leycester.	

The Iceland fishing trade. A letter to the Viceadmirall of the county of Norffolk that wheras sith the Generall Restraint made by their Lordships' former letters of all shippes and mariners in that

county not to depart into the partes beyond the seas untill such time as he should receave further order from them, suit was made unto ther Lordships that certain ships p. 741.
laden and appointed for Island might bee licenced to depart on ther said intended voyage, before ther Lordships would yeeld to any such thing they have thought convenient to require him to make diligent inquiry what shippes ar allredy departed out of that county for the said voyage, and what number of mariners they have caried with them, and what ships provided to goe thither, and what number of mariners they mind to cary with them, and also how many ships and mariners were commonly every yeer in that county wont to imploy them selfes in the said voyage of fishing, and to send their Lordships a particuler and trew certificate of all with expedition.

The like letters to the Viceadmirals of the counties of Suffolk and Essex.

A letter to Sir Henry Nevile, knighte, that wheras ther An old dispute.
Lordships have bene oftentimes troubled with diverse complaintes exhibited unto them by Jhon Marmion, gentleman, for certain matters concerning him and the lady his wife, as executrix unto Sir Robert Doily, knight, her late husband, wherwith he hath heretofore from hence [been] made acquainted; forasmuch as the parti (*sic*) hath requested ther Lordships' letters unto him to desire him ether to yeeld him some resonable satisfaction as hee may bee contented with, or else to have the matter remitted to the triall of the Common Law, ther Lordships have thought good to signify unto him that, unlesse he shall know cause to the contrary, that in ther opinions it were not amiss that by ether of thes offers, which you shall best like of, the matter between them might receave some finall end and ther Lordships be no more troubled therwith, and therfore they pray him ether to take some suche order for the satisfiing of the said complainantes request as he hath required, or else to certify ther Lordships as soon as conveniently he p. 742.

may what lawfull and reasonable cause hee may have to the contrary.

Post horses. A Commission for xij post horses for Sir Edward Fitton, knight, dispatched into the Realme of Ireland for her Majesties service.

Payments for plays. A warrant unto the Tresurer of her [Majesty's] Chamber to pay unto the Lord Chamberlanes players the somme of vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}, and more, by way of reward, iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}, for presenting a play before her Majestie upon Candlemas Day last past.

The like warrant for the said plaiers for presenting a play before her Majestie upon Shrove Tuesday last.

The like for the Earl of Darbyes players for presenting a play before her Majestie upon Sonday, the xiiijth of this present month.

The Marshalsea. This day Edmund Prety, servaunt to the Erle of Southampton, was, for certain misdemeanors by him used against Mr. Anthony Brown, the eldest sonne of the Lord Montacute, by their Lordships' order committed to the Marshalsea.

Irregularities in Newgate. A letter to the Lord Maiour of the Cittie of London that wheras their Lordships weare geven to understand of many great and notable misdemeanours commytted and suffered within her Majesties prison of Newgate by suche as have the charge there, and for that their Lordships desier to be thoroughly informed of every particuler disorder commytted ther, and from what persons the same dothe growe, thought good to appoint Sir Owen Hopton, knight, Mr. Robert Colshil, esquire, and ——— Haulton, of the Temple, to repaire thether, and being assisted with suche as his Lordship shall appoint for that purpose, to enquire dilligentlie of the particulareties therof; their Lordships doe likewise require his Lordship to appoint some ij or iij suche as he shall thinck meet for that purpose to joygn with the gentlemen aforesaid, and after dewe examynacion had of the premisses to deliver unto their Lordships a trew

reporte of the abuses that be there commytted, and after their Lordships shall understand therof they meane to take order accordingly, &c. p. 743.

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Appearance before the Clerk.

This day Henry Norwich, gentleman, of Wilbarston in the county of Northampton, being bound in a bond of 200*li* by the Commissioners appointed for the hearing and determining of the causes of pore prisoners in the Kinges Bench to make his apparance heer before the Lords of her Majesty's Privy Councell, this present day hath appeered accordingly, and is nevertheless commaunded to attend from time to time untill he shall bee dismissed by their Lordships' order.

Collection for a church.

Letters directed to the Bisshopps requiring them to signefie what mony they have receved within their Dioceses towardes the building of a churche in the town of Denbighe, according to the minite in the Councell Cheste.

xxv^to^ Februarij, 1579.

Lord Chancellor.	Erle of Bedforde.
Lord Threasurer.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Admiral.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Chamberlan.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.

An arbitration.

A letter to Sir John Horner and Sir George Rogers that wheras by the peticion inclosed their Lordships are desired by the suppliant that the matter in controversie betwene him and the parties therein mentioned might be committed to the hearing of them two, their Lordships have therfore thought good to send the said peticion herewith unto them, and for the more indifferencie towards the parties againste whome the complainte is exhibited to require

* The date is given in the margin.

the said Commissioners to sende unto them, willing them to nominate on their partes suche other two persones as they shall thincke meete to be joyned with them, and they foure to proceade to an effectuall examinacion of the controversie
p. 744. on both sides with such proofes and wittnesses as either of them can produce, and thereuppon so to order and ende the matter betwene them as to them shalbe thought agreable with justice and equitie; and hereof they are required there may be no default, so as their Lordships be not any furder troubled therewith.

26 Februarij.

Signed by the:—

Lord Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.
Erl of Leycester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The embargo relaxed.

A letter to the Maior of Chester in answer of one from him dated the 24th, wherin he desireth to understand their Lordships' pleasure touching soch shippes as (being stayed by vertue of their Lordships' former letters) were to repair from thence ether into some other portes of this Realme or into the Realme of Irland; signifieyng unto him that uppon sufficient suertyes he may suffer soch of them to depart as ar (*sic*) being of other portes of this Realme, were bound to repaire to any soch porte or portes within the Realme, and likewise soch of that city and county as use ordinary trade of merchandise in Irland, uppon sufficient suertyes that they shall not under color herof repair into any forren portes, but being of that coast make ther retorne hither assone as they convenientlie maye, to [be] employed in her Majesties service if occasion shall so require, the said Maior having a dewe regard that the bandes be sufficient and a dewe and particuler certificate taken of the mariners which they shall carye either out of that port or otherwise, and to send the same hither to their Lordships.

27 Februarij. p. 745.

Lord Chancelor.
Lord Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlain.
The Erle of Bedford.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Both Mr. Secretaryes.

The corn trade.

Appon the sight of a letter written by the Lord Tresurer unto the officers of the Port of London of the vijth of this present, that wheras appon a peticion exhibited unto his Lordship that a certen quantitye of iiij^{c} quarters of wheat provided for the City of London was decayed by long liyng (*sic*) appon the seas and like to breed some infection, as was certified from the Lord Maiour, his Lordship was contented that the same shold be transported into the partes of beyond the seas, yelding her Majesties duetyes, the Lord Admirall being this day enformed that ij^{c} and xxx quarters of the said corne was laden in a ship called the Lion, of London, bound for Veane in Portingale, having ten mariners and one Robert Hook for master, now with the assent of the rest of the Lordes [was] contented that the said shipp shold be licensed to departe on her said entended voiag, any former order made by their Lordships for the restrainte of shippes and mariners notwithstanding.

p. 746.

The embargo relaxed.

This day the Elizabeth of Newcastell, a shipp of 120 tonnes, the Jonas of the same town of 10 tonnes, the Jesus of the same town of 80 tonnes, were licensed to depart from the river of Thames home to Newcastle, putting in bandes to the officers of the Admiralty that they should not cross the seas; likewyse the Jonas, belonging to Thomas Grey of Harwich, was upon the like condition licensed to depart to Bristoll.

Release on bail.

A letter to the Sheriff of the county of Somersett that where their Lordships are given to understand that appon the death of Nicholas Turberfield, esquier, one William Staunton hath ben committed to prison appon suspition

that he shold have consented to that detestable fact, forasmuch as their Lordships have ben credibly enformed that he ys not anywayes culpable therof, and therfore sute hath ben made that appon sufficient baile he might be enlarged, ther Lordships, thincking the informacion to be trewe that he is able to cleere and acquite himself therof according to lawe, have thought good to require him to sett him at liberty, taking, nevertheless, sufficient bandes [and] suertyes to her Majesties use that the said Staunton shall make his apparence at the next Assises before the Justices of the Assises, there to abide soch further order as they shall thinck meete to be taken with him; and the said Sheriff is required to shew these their Lordships' letters unto the said Justices, to thintent that theruppon they may take soch further order as shalbe by them thought expedient, and in so doing this shalbe the said Sheriffes sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalf.

(*pp.* 747 *and* 748 *are left blank in the MS.*)

p. 749. **xxvij°* (sic) *Februarij.*

The Lord Chauncelor.	The Erle of Bedford.
The Lord Treasore[r].	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretarie Walsingham.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretarie Wilson.

An arbitration. A letter to the Lord Edward Seymour, Sir John Gilbert, and Thomas Carew of Haccumb that wheras yt is complained unto their Lordships by one Walter Renoff, of Totnes in the countie of Devon, of some hard dealinges offered unto him by one Luke Saret, Maiour of the said towne, their Lordships have made choyce of them thre to heare the matter in question betwene them and to examyn the contentes of the peticion therinclosed, and so

* The date and names are given in the margin.

to order the matter betwene them as yt shall seem good to them in equitie and justice, and to certefie what they shall have done therin, &c.

Carrying a pistol.

A letter to Mr. Lonclare, Mr. Curtys and Mr. Younge that wheras their Lordships weare certefied that one Thomas Silborne, clerke, was indicted and found guiltie for carreying abowte him a pocket dagg contrary to the forme of the last Proclamacion provided in that behalf, their Lordships marvayled that they had not proceeded against the offendour by order set downe in the last Proclamacion, and doe require them imediatlie uppon the receipt of their letter to cause him to be imprisoned and punished according to the forme therof, &c.

Primo Martij.

The embargo relaxed.

Appon suite made unto the Lord Admirall that a certen shippe called the Handmaid, of the borden of xl tonnes or thereaboutes, bound for Bordeux in the Realme of France, by the former Generall Restraint of shippes and mariners staied in the port of Plimouth, and aperteining unto Mr. Alderman Pullison, having a master and ix or ten mariners, might be licensed to departe on her entended voiage, the said Lord Admiral having made some of their Lordships privye to the matter, and they not misliking therof, it was assented unto that his Lordship, finding the informacion to be trewe, might release the said shipp and suffer yt to depart, the former restraint notwithstanding.

p. 750.

2 Martij, 1579.

Present:—

Lord Chancelor.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erle of Bedford.	Both Mr. Secretaries.

The embargo relaxed.

Wheras heretofore there was a Generall Restraint made of all shippes and mariners not to depart out of these Realms without especiall license, &c., this daye for certaine good consideracions it was by their Lordships thought convenient that the Lord Admirall shold release all soch shippes so both Westward were prepared to go to Newland *alias* Newfound Land, and also Northwardes towards Schetland and Island for fishing, and also all merchantes' shippes which shold be sett forth in any porte of this Realme from the Themmes mouth Northward to repaire unto any place or country Estward, and that the rest of the shippes so stayed minding to depart to Spaine and France shold remayn as they nowe do until other order shalbe taken by their Lordships.

p. 751.

Release by the Queen's order.

Mr. Robert Monson, hertofore commaunded by her Majesties order to kepe his house untill her Highnes' order for his further release shold be understode, was sent for, and being before their Lordships acknowledged that he was sorrye that he had given her Majesty any occasion to be offended with him, and therfore besought her Majesty to extend her gracious favor and mercy towards him and ther Lordships to be a meane for the same unto her Highnes, wheruppon with some good lessons to behave him self uprightly and discretly in the contrye, so as no just cause of complaint might be made against him, he was by their Lordships by their Lordships (*sic*) discharged from any further endurance, and so restored to his liberty and licensed to repair whether he thought good.

Gunpowder from Hamburg.

Appon a motion mad by the Lord Tresorer that Henry Dale, citisen and merchant of London, might, notwithstanding the former Generall Restraint of shippes and mariners, might be licensed to send two vessells, namely the barck Partridge of the burden of lx tonnes, and the Bonaventure of London of the burden of fifty tonnes, to the town of Hamburgh for the bringing of pouder thence for the necessary furniture and service of the Realme, it was assented unto that the Lord Admirall shold suffer them to depart accordingly, &c.

Release on bail.

Henry Burnell, heretofore committed to the prison of the Mareshalsie for bringing of letters from the partes of beyond the seas, was appon bandes of him self and one Robert Rochester of the Middell Temple, gentleman of Irishe byrth, discharged and sett at libertye.

p. 752.

Lewd words.

A letter to the Knight Marshall to send one Thomas Plaifier, prisoner under his charge, unto the Justice of the Assises in the county of Essex, there to be proceaded with according to lawe for soche lewde speches as ther Lordships were certified from the Bailiffes of Malden that he hath uttered touching the Quenes Majesty.

A letter to the said Justices of the Assises to cause the said Plafier to be removed at the handes of the Knight Marshall's servantes, and to procede with [him] according to lawe for soch lewd speches as by the letters enclosed from the Bailiffes of Malden it was certified that he had used touching her Majesty.

Complaints against the French.

A letter to the Lord Cobham, Lord Warden of the Fyve Portes, that wheras Monsieur Gorden, Governor of Callis, did deteyne certen goodes aperteining to her Majesties subjectes taken appon the seas by some serving appon the seas under Monsieur de la Motte, Governor of Graveling, forasmuch as their Lordships thincke that at his Lordship's entreaty for neighborodes sake the said Monsieur Gordon will do somewhat, seing the partyes have already proved the goodes to belong unto them, and neither La Motte nor any serving under him have any just occasion to make prise of any the goodes aperteining to her Majesties subjectes, and it is contrary to the treatyes and amity of France that appon any soch color the English subjectes' goodes shold be deteyned; his Lordship ys required to signify so moch unto Monsieur Gorden and require him to make restitucion, or else her Majesty in so manifest an injustice and refusall shalbe forced to seeke some other remedy against him and the inhabitantes of that town, which their Lordships wold be loth shold happen, &c.

p. 753. *4 Martij.*

Present:—

The Lord Chancelor.	Erl of Leycester.
Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlayn.
Lord Chamberlayn.	Both Mr. Secretaryes.

The reply to the Steelyard.

The same day Mr. Secretary Wilson exhibited unto their Lordships a certen schedule in writing conceived of an answer to be made by their Lordships at her Majesties apointement unto the Alderman of the Stiliard unto certen letters lately sent unto her Highnes for the city of Hamburgh and other Steedes, which was liked of by their Lordships; it was ordred by their Lordships that the same shold be entred into the Counsell Booke and the originall, subscribed with the said Mr. Secretaryes Wilson's hande, to be delivered to the Alderman of the Stiliard, of which writing the tenor foloweth:—

* *Cum litteras e conventu Hamburgensi.*

The embargo relaxed.

A shippe called the Bonaventure of London, of the burthen of xl tons, fraighted by Merchantes Adventurers with clothes for Andwerp, the master Nicholas Carnabye, with v men and a boy, suffred to passe on her said voiag, and a letter for the Lord Admirall to the Sergeant of the Admiralty for the discharg of the sam.

p. 754. The text of the reply.

Cum literas e conventu Hamburgensi vicesimo nono Decembris ad Regineam Majestatem datas ipsa secretioris sui Consilij Dominis legendas exhibuisset, simul etiam mandavit ut re mature deliberata eisdem literis responderent, qui toto negotio accurate et diligenter pro causæ genere et qualitate examinato et perpenso sic statuunt, non videri ipsis operæ pretium postulatis iis quæ in literis illis continentur sigillatim (sic) *respondere, cum non semel antea Serenissima Princeps iis copiose rescripserit, nec quicquam novi*

* The Clerk here gives the first few words of the minute, which was afterwards entered by a professional clerk on a separate sheet and bound up in the volume.

hactenus adducatur cur Regi[n]a ipsius Majestatis sententiam mutare debeat; quod enim ad decreti in Hamburgenses lati rescissionem attinet, cum illud ad exemplum ablatorum nostris in illa civitate privilegiorum factum sit, ejus rescindendi nulla ratio dictis Dominis videtur, quandiu vetusta privilegia Anglis debita reciproce continuare juxta formam declarationis peripsos factæ Hamburgenses recusent.

De quibus aliisque de rebus (cum hujus generis negotia commodius hominum prudentium colloquiis quam literis transigantur) si legatos huc mittere placeat, Illustres Consiliarij sedulo elaborabunt ut omnes controversiæ ex æquo et bono pro communi utilitate quietis consiliis componantur; quod ut ita rite fiat, quoniam piratas (sic) *in mari grassantes non injuria[m] metuunt publicæ fidei, securitatis literas etiam mitti curabunt et navibus quibusdam Anglis (si id legati volent impensis suis) negotium dabunt, ut eos hic in Anglia a prædonibus illæsos et securos sistant; interim hortantur ea legatis mandata dare quæ litibus expediendis apta videbuntur, quemadmodum illi optimæ concordiæ omnia quæ possunt impedimenta amoveri curabunt. Hæc ipsorum nomine significari Illustres Domini suæ Majestatis Consiliarij voluerunt, data Westmonasterij, die Mensis Martij quarto, Anno Domini M°D°LXXIX°.*

Sic signatum,
* THOMAS WILSON,
Secretarius.

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4 Martij. p. 756.

Ships released.

The same day at the request of certen merchantes of the Lowe Contreys, declaring that a certen shipp of Zeland laden with Spanishe merchandises and bound for the Lowe Countreys had ben taken appon the coast of the county

* Original signature.

of Dorsett by a certen pirate and some part of the goodes recovered laden in a shippe called the Minion of Southampton, the same shipp might be suffered to depart with the said goodes according to their first entended voiage; it was for certen goode consideracions assented unto, and the Lord Admirall wrote his letter for her release accordingly.

The like graunted at the request of Doctor Hector Nonnes for a shipp called the Fortune of Dover, of the bourden of xliij tons, wherof one Robert Bennett was master, to depart for Lisborne.

Irish matters. A letter to the Lord Justice and Counsell in the Realme of Irland in answer of his concerning soch provisions as have ben sent from hence, and for their further proceadinges against the rebells, according to a mynute of the same remayning with Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to the Lord Justice that wheras the Lord Archbishop of Dublin, during the absence of the Lord Chancelor of Irland, demaundeth a fee of x^{li} a daye for the keping of the Seale, forasmoch as the Archbishop ys otherwise well provided for in that Realme, and it is not thought convenient to encrease her Majesties charge, and in like case there hath ben no soch allowance hertofore, their
p. 757. Lordships trust that the Archbishop will forbeare to demaunde any soche allowance or fee for the custodye of the said Seale, and the Lord Justice ys required to deale effectually with him to that purpose, according to the minute remayning with Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Winchester College. A letter to the Warden and Fellowes of the Newe Colledge in Winchester that wheras by the late Bishop of Winchester it was ordred that the said Warden and Felowes shold every one of them at the least preache twise in the yere in the chappell or churche of their own House, forasmoche as sith his death yt is reported that by some of the Fellowes that order ys broken and not observed, they are required to continewe the same order still, or els their Lordships will have a regard to reform them.

A Coroner's inquest.

A letter to the Justices of the Assises in the county of Suffolk that wheras one Raff Higgins, by his Supplication sent unto them herwith, hath enformed ther Lordships that a Jury being charged in the town of Lichfield to enquire appon the view of the boddye of one Francys Wilson, suspected to hav ben made away by her husband; forasmoch as it is said that by some sinister meanes the Coroner and Jury forbeare to give up their verdicte, for the better furtherance of justice they are required to call the said Coroner and Jury before them, and to understand of them what cause they have of their so doing, and theruppon to take order that the matter may be proceaded in according to the lawes of this Realme in soch order as they shall thincke meete.

v^to Martij. p. 758.

The corn trade.

Appon the receipt of a letter addressed unto the Lord Admiral from Robert Dowe, Collector of the Subsidy of the Poorte of London, testifieng that wheras license hertofore was graunted by the Lord Tresorer for the transportacion of four hundred quarters of corrupt and musty wheate, wherof ij^c quarters were shipped in the Lion of London, wherof one Robert Hooke was master, which by ther Lordships' order of the xxvij^th of the last month was, notwithstanding the late Generall Arrest of shippes and mariners, suffred to departe according to an order then entered into this Booke; forasmoch as the ij^c resting weare, as it was from the said Collector enformed, shipped in a shippe called the Thomas and John of London, wherof one John Gunston ys master, appon motion therof made by the said Lord Admirall unto the Lord Tresorer and other of her Majesties Counsell it was for certen good consideracions assented and agreed unto that, notwithstanding the former restraint of shipps and mariners, the Lord Admiral by his letters shold also license the said shipp to departe, &c.

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p. 759. *vj Martij*, 1579.

Lord Chancelor.
Lord Tresorer.
Lord Admiral.
Lord Chamberlayn.
Erle of Leycester.
Mr. Vicechamberlayn.
Bothe Mr. Secretaryes.

French complaints. A letter to the Lord Justice of Irland that wheras both by letters from the French King unto her Majesty and from Sir Henry Cobham, her Highnes' Ambassadour, a certen cause had ben recomended of John Liberge, a merchante of Nantes, complaining that a shipp of his laden with wines was taken by a pirate within the haven of Waterford, he wold give order to have the matter examined and the party satisfied according to justice, according to a minute remayning in the Chest, &c.

Post horses. A placart for three horses for Michael Roerking, a servant to the king of Denmark, to go into Scotland, and also to retorne hither back again if he shall see cause.

A Dutch prize. A letter to Sir Robert Wingfield, knight, requiring him that certaine hoppes laden in a hoye of Middelburgh called the Pellicane, and heretofore taken by one Cornelius Gershert, servinge uppon the seas under a Commission of the Governor of Gravelinge, and by him staied in Bayton Creeke, which also by their Lordships' letters of the ixth of Januarie last past he was required to see sequestred untill such time as he should receave order from the Judge of her Majesties Courte of the Admiraltie (to whome their
p. 760. Lordships committed the hearing and determining of the matter according to lawe) what were further to be done with them; forasmuch [as] their Lordships are advertised from the said Judge that both by judgment geven in that Courte and consent of both parties interessed it was by him ordered that the hoppes, which are [said] to be xlvj packettes, remaininge there should be restored unto Anthonie Anthonison, merchant stranger resident in London, or his deputie, as goodes properlie founde to belong unto him, that uppon

receipt herof be cause the said hoppes to be delivered unto the said Anthonison or his deputie, which shall herwith bring Commission from the said Judge of the Admiralty.

A letter to the Lord Bishop of London advertising his Lordship of the receipt of his Lordship's aunswer unto the complaint of Thomas Willshire heretofore sent unto him, and that their Lordships doe not a litle marvaile at the fact which he confesseth to have ben by him committed, that a man of his calling should make a lease or other estate of an entier manour to anie person wherby the lessee should become Lorde of the tenantes; forasmuch as that cannot be undone which hath allreadie passed his Lordship's handes, yet nevertheles his Lordship is required that in case the said Willshire shall paie unto his Lordship the rest of the moneye which can be proved to have ben agreed on betwene them for the renewinge of his lease according to his promise, that then he maie have his lease renewed in due forme of lawe, and so either to satisfie the partie as their Lordships be no more troubled therwith, or els to returne an aunswer assoone as he convenientlie maye. A Bishop's lease.

* The Order for the assurers to be entered here.

7 Martij. p. 761.

Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erl of Leycester.	Both Mr. Secretaryes.

Order for the release of the Spanish shippes.

Henry Bithorn, William Boley, Thomas Booth, William Dawson, Oliver Smith and William Booth, tenantes unto the Erle of Shrewsbury in his manor of Glossopdale in the Lord Shrewsbury's tenants.

* This entry has afterwards been struck out.

countye of Derbye, not contenting themselves with soch reasonable offers as the said Erle had offred to all the tenantes of the said manor for the renewing of ther estates, four only excepted, which he had bestowed appon his servantes, but retourned hether to complaine without cause against the said Erle, were this daye committed to the prison of Mareshalsea.

A charge of slander.

A letter to the Justices of the Assises and Peace in the countie of Surreye that wheras their Lordships are enformed that it is meant that a certaine indictment shalbe preferred unto them at the next Assises against Henrie Harvey, one of her Majesties Gentlemen Pensioners, in the name of one Nicholas Whitfielde; forasmuch as he having ben sent for, their Lordships finde the said Harvy unjustlie slandered by him, and therefore have committed him to the prison of the Marshallsey, they are required if anie such bill shalbe preferred to make staie therof untill they shall heare further from their Lordships.

p. 762. Abbey lands in Ireland.

A letter to the Lord Archbishop of Dublin, Sir John Plunkett, Lord Chiefe Justice, Sir Lucas Dillon, Lord Chiefe Baron in Irelande, or anie two of them, with a Supplicacion enclosed exhibited unto their Lordships on the behalf of the Ladie Echingham and Edward Echingham, her sonne, touching injuries to them offred by them by such as they pretende to withholde from them the possession and revenues of the Abbey of Dunbroyde; referring the matter unto three or anie of them, and that they call both parties interessed before them, and enforming them selves of the matter to compounde the same betwene them by consent of both parties, or els to certifie what they shall have found or done therin.

Post horses.

A pasporte for Michael Roerking, servaunt unto the King of Denmarke, to be provided of three post horses in his journey to Scotlande and retorne backe againe, if cause so require.

A mercantile case.

A letter to the Lord Cobham with a Supplicacion inclosed of Robert Bishop and Thomas Rey, merchantes of

the Citie of London, against one Robert Shrubsall, an inhabitaunt of the towne of Feversham, who, having fraighted a barke of theirs called the Dragon of London for Cades in Spaine, now under colour of the charter partie [which] was made betwene him and one Richard Witchalls, master of the said shippe, seekethe by sinister meanes to gett a release from him, and thereuppon refusethe to aunswer the said merchantes, owners of the shippes, the fraight agreed on betwene them, his Lordship is therfore required to geve order that the matter maie be duelie examined, and by consent of both parties compounded if it maie be, or els some aunswer sent unto their Lordships how the matter standeth, to thintent that theruppon their Lordships maie take further order accordinglie.

For quiet possession.

A letter to Sir John Horsey, Sir John Yonge and Mr. Chawsant in the behalf of Robert Nele, that they wilbe assistaunt unto him in seinge the peace kept by such as he fearethe will make some unlawfull resistaunce against him, being purposed, according to his right, to possesse the manour of West Pulham in the countie of Dorset, wherof he hathe latelye purchased a lease made by the Lord Montjoye, *anno vj^to^* of her Majesties reign, to one Mr. Godderde for cc yeres.

ix Martij, 1579. p. 763.

Lord Chancelour.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erl of Leycester.	Bothe Mr. Secretaryes.
Lord Hunsdon.	

Marine assurance.

Wheras a certen matter in controversie between certen merchantes.

The Order for the assurers.

(*A space is left here in the MS.*)

p 764. The Spanish trade. Appon a letter from Mr. Hawkins, Tresorer of her Majesties Navye, and William Holstock, Comptroller, that according to a former order made by their Lordships they had taken bandes of Mr. Barker of Ipeswich in the sum of 120*li* to her Majesties use, that a shippe called the Pellican, of the bourden of cxx tonnes, wherof one William Seerles was master, licensed from the town of Ipeswich to repaire into Spain, shold cary no more [than] xxiij mariners and gonners, a letter was written from the Lord Admirall to the Vice Admirall of Suffolk to suffer the same to depart accordingly.

xj Martij, 1579, Westminster.

Signed by:—

The Lord Chancelor.
Lord Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.
Erl of Leycester.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Bothe Mr. Secretaryes.

The works at Portsmouth. A warrant to Sir Thomas Heneage, knight, Tresorer of the Chamber, to pay Richard Popingey, Surveyour of Portesmouth, for the attendance of him self, ij servauntes and horses from the xxiiijth of January to the ninthe of Marche inclusive the sum of vj^{s} viij^{d}, and to Robert Welles, Master Carpenter of the said town, for his like attendance with one servant and horses, four shillinges and viij^{d} *per diem* from the xxiiijth of January to the ixth of Marche as before.

p. 765. The Dutch prize. A letter of assistance to a processe of the Courte of the Admiraltye in the behalf of Anthony Anthonison, merchant stranger residing in London, for the recovery of certen packettes of hoppes taken in a shippe called the Pellicane of Middelburg in Zeland, which, being brought in by one Cornelis Gershert, serveng under a license of the Governour of Graveling, were conveied awaye in sondry places of the

county Suffolk and Essex, the same being nowe by the Judg of the Admiraltye adjudged to aperteine to the said Anthony Anthonison.

A letter to the Lord Maiour that according to a schedule enclosed he wold effectually deale with soch as therin were named to be creditors of the Countesse of Derbye, that they wold not molest her suertyes, but forbeare untill soch time as [she] might be set at libertye, and so take order for their satisfaction, &c. Lady Derby's debts.

A letter to Doctor Dale, one of the Masters of the Requestes, to call before him the creditors of Petrucio Ubaldino to deale with them so to accompt the debt dew unto them as the same may growe appon the pension which he hath of her Majestie and other livelyhode, and so to forbeare for the espace of one yere or so long a time as they may be induced to yeld their consent unto. Settlement with creditors.

A letter to Sir John Tracie, knight, and John Higforde touching a complainte made unto their Lordships by John Nest of Chaceley in the county of Wigorn, gentleman, pretending that the Bailiffes of the towne of Tewkesburie had violentlie taken from him xxx^tie^ quarters of wheate of his owne tillage and for the provicion of his house, under colour that the same was for her Majesties provicion, which quantitie is enformed to be greater then was allowed for his parte among th'inhabitauntes of that towne, and that one Henrie Doule and others were spared, for which nevertheles he can gett no moneye of them, albeit he hath oft required the same; they are required, with thassistance of Gabriel Blecke, understewarde of the said towne, to examine the whole matter, calling before them such as the matter maie any waies concerne, and either to compounde the matter betwene them by both their consentes, or els to advertise their Lordships what they shall have founde and done therin, &c. p. 766. The abuse of Purveyance.

A letter to the Lord Bishoppe of London and the rest of her Majesties Commissioners for Causes Ecclesiasticall Staffordshire recusants.

requiringe them by vertue of their Commission Ecclesiasticall to call before them all such gentlemen, &c., within the countie of Stafford as, under pretence of bandes taken by their Lordships for their good behaviour and obedience to her Majesties lawes, refuse to appear before them for th'answering of their disobedient behaviour, and that they directe further processe unto all the sayd persones in the said countie to aunswer to their said disobedience.

* Fairewether. A shipp called Beere Leycester, wherof one Richard Farewether was master, having xviij men and ij boyes, was licensed to depart on a voiage Southward by the Lord Admirall.

p. 767. *14 Martij*, 1579.

Lord Chancelour.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlayn.
Lord Chamberlayn.	Both Mr. Secretaryes.

The Generall Restraint. It was assented unto and ordered by their Lordships that all soche shippes as were rigged and sett forthe for any voiage into France or Spain before the making of the last Generall Restraint of shippes and mariners, which was the xiiijth day of February last past, their Lordships' letters bearing that date (as is entred in this Boke), shold be released and suffred to depart on their entended voiage.

Sir W. Winter. A letter to Mr. Hawkins, Tresorer of her Majesties Navye, that of soch mony as hath ben delivered unto him for the charges of soch her Highnes' shippes as are nowe sett to the seas he deliver the sum of four hundred poundes to Sir William Winter, knight, appointed at this present Admirall, &c., to be employed appon soch necessary charges as her Highnes' said service in this voiag shall require.

A charge of abduction. A letter to the Lord Maiour to enquier and punishe a certen fact of a rape pretended to have ben committed

* Original marginal note.

appon the person of one Judeth Cox, of the age of xij yeres, an orphan of the Citye, according to the minute remayning in the Chest.

A letter to the Sherif and Justice of Peace in the county of Southampton that wheras to the greate charges of that countie they have heretofore erected a House of Correction at Winchester according to the Statute for the settinge on worke of idle and vagrant persones, forasmuch as their Lordships are geven to understande that for want of a competent stocke to be employed in the mayntenance of the said idle persones in learning their sundrie misteries there can be no use of the said House, the contribucion levyed heretofore by vertue of their Lordships' letters unto the clergie of that shire amounting but to c markes, and the stocke necessarilie required being v^c li, they are required, for perfecting of that so godlie and necessarie a worke, to make choice amonge them selves of fower or five such persones as for their discrecions maie be thought fittest, to whome the care of a collection for this purpose maie be committed, who maie levy the said contribucion by sparinge of the meaner sort of that countie, and drawing by perswacion the best hable to contribute that which is requisite; and for that the Lord De la Ware, Sir William Kingesmill, Sir Richard Norton, Mr. Deane of Winchester and Mr. Walter Sandes have (as their Lordships are informed) ben well disposed to take paine therin, their Lordships thincke them verie meete persons to have the ordering of this said collection. p. 768. The Winchester House of Correction.

xv Martij, 1579. p. 769.

Present:—

The Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlayn.
Lord Chamberlayn.	Both Mr. Secretaryes.

Appon serten certificates to the officers of her Majesties Poorte of London, and certen other Supplications that divers The wine trade.

shipps being fraighted and laden, and some of them departed on their voiage before the time of the late Generall Restraint of shipps and mariners, and sith some stayed at Falmouth, some at Plimouth, some in the Isle of Wight, Lime and London, might be discharged and suffered to accomplish their intended voiages, their Lordships, appon the consideracion aforesaid and for other causes them moving, were contented that the Lord Admirall by his letters shold sett soch shippes at libertye whose names and burthen folowe.

Shippes released for Burdeux :—

J. S.

(*The rest of p.* 769 *and all p.* 770 *left blank in the MS. for the names of the ships.*)

p. 771. *xvj Martij.*

The Baltic trade.

By vertue of an order made by their Lordships the second of this present and entred into this Booke, that all merchant shippes as from the Themmes mouth Northwarde apointed to go ether Northward or Estward appon any trade of merchandise, the Lord Admirall being given to understand that the shippes whose names were underwritten were fraighted from the town of Elbing in the land of Prussia, gave order by his letter unto Jasper Swift, Sergeant of the Admiralty, to suffer the same to depart.

Shippes released for Elbing :—

The Myniken, &c.

p. 772. *Eodem die.* Wheras Rowland Kenrick, of the town of Beaumarishe in the countye of Anglesey, gentleman, was bound before the Lord Bishop of Bangor and William Thomas, esquire, to make his personall appearance before the Erl of Leycester this daye being the xvjth of Marche, and not to depart without his Lordship's especiall license, the said Kenwick being remitted by his Lordship hither to have his apparance entred hath tendred the same, and

A recognisance fulfilled.

* Mr. Atye brought the message.

* Original marginal note.

was commaunded not to depart from attending here untill soch time as he shold be either by their Lordships or said Erle appon the further hearing of his cause licensed to the contrary.

17 Martij, 1579. p. 773.

Present:—

Lord Chancelour.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Lord Hunsdon.	Both Mr. Secretaryes.
Mr. Tresorer.	

Sir W. Winter's squadron.

The instructions of Sir William Winter, knight, apointed to go to the seas with three of her Majesties shippes, according to the mynute remayning with Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Fore placartes for the said Sir William to serve if he have occasion to send his letters or servantes to the Courte.

The same day ij letters were signed, thone to Folk Grevill, esquire, thother to Richard Bingham, gentleman, to putt them selves in a readines to serve as capteins in two of the said shippes under the said Sir William.

Relaxation of the embargo.

The same day ther Lordships were contented that a certen great shipp, called the Primrose, fraighted for Levant before the late Generall Restraint, being of the burthen of iij^{c} ton and having lx men, nowe stayed at Dartmouth, shold by the Lord Admirall's order [be] released. p. 774.

The like order agreed for two barkes called the Expedicion and Diamond of Dartmouthe, thone of thirty, thother of forty tons.

The like liberty granted for a shipp of Bristoll called the Jhesus of Bristoll, of 28 tons, having x mariners, at the request of the Portingale Ambassadour to transport his servant Michael de Vega into Portingale.

Exactions at the Tower.

A letter unto the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Sackford, one of the Masters of the Requestes, that wheras com-

plaint had ben made by the Lord Maiour that Sir William Goring, knight, Gentleman Porter of the Towre of London, did exact of soch bootes of fishermen as repaired to the Citye a certen quantity of fish by vertewe of his office (as he pretendeth), they shold appon consideracion both of the said Lord Maior's letter and Mr. Goringes answer sent enclosed, send for both partyes and heare what they can on eche side alledg, and theruppon certify their Lordships what they shall have found and what their opinion ys.

Dealing with pirates.

Appon informacion unto their Lordships that soch persons whose names are under written were dealers with pirates, it was ordred by their Lordships that they shold be sent [for], and so were letters directed to that effect.

To the Maior of Portesmouth.

p. 775. To Mr. Parkenson, Captein of the Calshott Castle, to bring his under captein or deputie with him, and one Martin Dale *alias* Crowe, his porter.

To Sir Edward Horsey to send up one White lying at St. Ellens, and one Forster at Newporte.

To Mr. Lewkener in Sussex, and to bring one Bishop, his servant, with him.

A placart to John Worseley, one of the Messengers of the Chamber, to bring up one Green of Leape in the county of Southampton, and one William Hopton of the said countye.

A letter to the Sheriff of the county of Southampton, &c., the note with Mr. Mills.

To the Sheriff of Sussex to take bandes of one John Emson of Brighthempston for his apparance here.

Piracy.

A letter to Francys Jermye, esquiour, to deale with William Collett, of Grimsburg in the countie of Suffolke, to make paiment of xl^{li} unto the bringers of the obligation wherby the said Collet standethe bounde for paiment therof, remaining in the handes of two men of London which were bounde for the apparance of Anthonie Newporte, a pirate, before the Judg of the Admiraltye, according to a note of the said Judges handes remaining in the Counsell Chest.

A letter to Sir Thomas Ramsey, knight, Alderman Boyer, Doctor Aubrey, Doctor Forthe, Mr. David, Mr. Owen, Mr. Aldersey, or anie 4 of them, Mr. Aubrey or Mr. Forthe to be one, signed the 7 of Marche, 1578, and now newe signed by their Lordships with this clause—To call aswell suche parties as be yet living before them, as also th'executours and administratours of such persones which were of the said Companie and are now deceased, and with them all to doe their best endeavour to reduce them to conformitie, &c. p. 776. Frobisher's refractory shareholders.

A letter unto the Lord Tresorer that wheras Doctor Lopes had enformed their Lordships that he had provided iiij^{c} quarters of wheate in the countye of Kent to be transported over the seas; forasmuch as he was contented to carry ij^{c} quarters of the same into Irland so as he might be suffred to carry thother moity into Portingale, their Lordships not misliking his offer desire his Lordship that appon bandes to carry the one ij^{c} quarters to on (*sic*) other parte but into Portingale, and to bring certificate of the landing and uttering of the ij^{c} other in Irland, is desired (*sic*) to give order unto the officers of the porte where the same shalbe shipped, that appon the answering of soch dutyes as belong unto her Majesty they suffer the same to passe, &c. The corn trade.

A letter to the Lord President and Counsell of the Marches, &c., to examine and order a matter which one Richard Masterson, late servaunt to Sir Edward Fitton, deceased, hath to exhibitie unto his Lordship, &c., concerning certaine landes in the countie of Brecknocke, latelie descended to him by the deathe of one Charles Abrey and Alice his wife, and now unjustlie withholden from him; who being shortlie to repaire into Ireland with yong Sir Edward Fitton for the perfecting of certaine accomptes betwixt her Majestie and his said master, &c., is desirous to have the said matter determined before hand, that he maie the more diligentlie attende her Majesties said service. A Welsh case.

Walter Ralley and ——— Wingfield committed to the Marshalsea for a fray besides the Tennis Courte in Westminster. Walter Raleigh.

p. 777. 18 [March].

Lord Chancelour. Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Admirall. Mr. Vicehamberlain.
Lord Chamberlain. Mr. Secretary Wilson.

The Marshalsea. Arthur Gorge, one of the Gentlemen Pensioners, committed to the Mareshalsea for giving the lye and other speaches passed betwen him and the Lord Windesour in the Chamber of Presence.

Sir W. Pelham. A letter to Silvester Bellewe in the county of Lincoln, gentleman, that wheras he hath of late made a reentry appon the manners of Cadney and Hougham in the said countye, which hertofore he sold to Sir William Pelham, knight, now Lord Justice of Irland, forasmuch as it is not convenient that whilest he ys in her Majesties service any prejudice shold be suffred to be done to his enheritance, he ys required ether to deliver the possession up again to the said Mr. Pelham's officers, so as they may quietly enjoy it as hertofore they have done, or els furthwith to make his apparence here, having regard that in the mean time that neither by himself nor any of the tenantes any act be committed that maye [be] to the prejudice of the said Mr. Pelham.

The General Musters. The letters sent forth with the Commissions for the General Musters signed by theyr Lordships were dated this day, the mynutes wherof are remayning in the Councell Chest.

p. 778. *xix Martij.*

The Messengers dispatched with the letter concerning the Musters, as foloweth:—

Mr. Gascoignes man - { Northampton. / Leycester. / Derby. / Nottingham. / Rutlande.

Shakespeare	Ebor.	
	Lincoln.	
	Duresme.	
David Jenkins	Warwicke.	
	Stafforde.	
	Chester.	
Pedley	Wilts.	
	Dorset.	
	Devon.	
	Cornewall.	
Dutton	Essex.	
	Suffolke.	
	Norffolk.	
Farrar	Glocester.	
	Somerset.	
	Worcester.	
Browne	Hertford.	
	Bedforde.	
	Cambridge.	
	Ely.	
	Huntington.	
Worseley	Kent	With letters for the aiders of pirates.
	Sussex	
	Southampton	
Newall	Surrey.	
	Berkes.	
	Bucks.	
	Oxon.	

34 (*sic*)

The embargo relaxed.

At the suite of Henry Sackford a shipp called the Bonaventure, of the burden of lxx or therabout, released out of the porte of London, and a barck called the Marigold of Sandwiche to repare thither.

p. 779. *xx Martij*, 1579.

Lord Chancelour.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberleyn.
Erle of Bedford.
Erle of Leycester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Tresorer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Bothe Mr. Secretaryes.

The capmaking trade. A letter to Mr. Coniers that wheras a certen matter in controversy between one Blunt, a capper of Lichfield, and Green was committed to be herd and the accomptes to be cast up by him and William Dodington, Auditor of her Majesties Prestes; wheras the said Coniers wold not procead by reason of the said Dodington's absence, he ys required to procead to the auditing of the said accomptes alone, and if before the ending of them Mr. Dodington shalbe retorned, then bothe to certify how the matter standeth or dothe alow.

The corn trade. Two shippes, thone called the Golden Noble, of the burthen of c tons, with xx men, a master and a boy, thother called the Barck Burr, of the burden of lxxxx tons, released to carrye soch wheate as Docter Lopes was licensed to send into Portingale.

An Irish dispute. A letter to the Lord Justice of Irland that wheras the peticion enclosed was exhibited unto their Lordships touching some matter in controversie betwene Simon Chamberlain of Gormanston against Nicholas Tath of Bolbragan of that Realm, gentleman, he ys required to examine the matter and end it if he can, or els certify the same.

p. 780. Ships released. The like license by a letter from the Lord Admirall unto the Vice Admirall of Cornwall for a shipp called the Grace of God of Southampton, stayed at Falmouthe.

21.

The Fox of London, of the burthen of xx tons, with 2 men, a boy and a master, to go to Flushing with beare, pretending to bring fresh fish from there.

22.

The Elizabeth Bonaventure of Garnesey, released at the suite of Sir Thomas Leighton to carry certen municion for the furniture of her Majesties pece there.

xxv Martij, 1579 (*sic*). p. 781.

Present:—

The Lord Chancelour.	Erle of Leycester.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberleyn.	Both Mr. Secretaryes.
Erle of Bedford.	

A charge of treason.

A letter to the Lord President and Counsell in Wales that wheras their Lordships are informed that one Thomas Turner, being for other matters called before John Scudamore, esquiour, Justice of Peace in the countie of Hereford, offering to open certaine matters of treason against one William Prior, wherof the said Scudamore refused (as he pretendethe) to take knowledge; forasmuch as the said Scudamore by reason of his attendaunce uppon her Majesties person cannot be absent from hence, and desireth to have the matter substantiallie examined, his Lordship, &c., are required uppon receipt of such examinacions sent herwith unto him as were taken by Mr. Conesby and Mr. Garmans, Justices of Peace in that countie, and calling before them such other persones as the same concernethe, to take good bandes and suerties to her Majesties use for their apparance here by a daie to be by them prefixed for the aunswering of this matter, and to certifie their Lordships what they shall have done herin.

Border amenities.

A letter to Sir John Foster, &c., that where in the monethe of December last past Nicholas Arrington, being then for certaine her Majesties affaires sent into the Realme of Scotlande, it was by the King and his Counsell requested p. 782. that some one person culpable of the slaughter of some of

their subjectes might be delivered unto them by some of her Highnes' Wardens in respect of the like deliverie allreadie made by them as it is said; he is required, for the maintenance of the amitie betwene both Princes and the furtherance of justice, to deliver over unto his opposite Warden or his Deputie some one notoriouse offendour in committing any soch slaughter as aforesaid, and these their Lordships' letters shalbe his sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalf.

Irish accounts. A letter to the Lord Justice of Irelande that wheras William Norreys, esquiour, latelie deceased in that Realme, is founde in the office of a Receyvourship indebted unto her Majestie in a rounde summe, he is required to geve order unto the Threasurer to staie in his handes all such summes of moneye as uppon his entertainment in her Majesties service their Lordships thincke maie be dewe to be aunswered unto him, without making deliverie or paiment of the same unto anie untill he shall receave further order from their Lordships; and in the meane to desire the said Threasurer to cause Mr. Norrey's accomptes to be cast upp, and particulerlie to certifie the same unto their Lordships how much is dewe unto him and for what causes, and in certifying therof to use as muche expedicion as maie be.

For an arbitration. A letter to Sir Jarvis Clifton, Sir Thomas Stanhop, knightes, and John Byron, esquiour, or any two of them, touching a certaine matter in controversie betwene ——— Undern, parson of Barnet, and Mr. Undern, his brother, heretofore brought before their Lordships and committed to the hearing of the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Deane of Paules, forasmuch as by mediacion of the Master of the Rolles the said Mr. Undern agreed (as by the said Master of the Rolles' letter, the [copy] wherof is herewith sent unto them, it appearethe) to paie ccxx^{li} to his creditours and his said brother, the parson of Barnet, for paiment wherof he assigned over unto the said Master of the Rolles and Deane of Paules a certaine lease to be solde in case he failed to

p. 783.

paie the said sume by the xvjth of October last past; forasmuch as it is enformed unto their Lordships that he hathe failed therof, deceaving his said brother and creditours, and so the said lease being according to the assignment offered to be solde, is founde to be so encombred and doubtfull as no man dare adventure to buye it, they are required by vertue herof to call the said Undern before them and to charge him with this our and the Master of the Rolles' letters, and if they can to compounde the matter in suche sorte betwene them as both his brother and the rest of his creditours maie rest satisfyed, wherto if he shall refuse to condescende then that they certifie unto their Lordships what they have done therin, that theruppon their Lordships maie take further order accordinglie.

A charge of witchcraft.

A letter to Mr. Temple, Mr. Dorrell, Mr. Michaell Harcourt and Thomas Pigot, esquiours and Justices of Peace in the county of Buckes, that wheras heretofore letters were written by Mr. Threasurer and Mr. Secretary Walsingham that they should examine certaine informacions preferred by one Edmund Turner that one Mrs. Colman should be privie to certaine witchcraftes, forasmuch as their Lordships are geven to understande that the said Turner's prooffes and witnesses being openlie hearde at the last Assises, and the Bill of Indictment theruppon drawen retorned by the Jury with an *ignoramus*, they are required in case they shall finde this informacion to be trewe, or perceave that it proceadethe of anie malice, then they or anie thre of them substantiallie to examine such proofes and witnesses as shalbe produced on bothe sides, and to certifie the same hither, &c. p. 784.

Nutshawe's creditors.

An open letter addressed to all and everie the creditours of William Nutshawe of Southampton, merchant, that where their Lordships by their letters bearing date the 28 of June last past required them to forbeare to molest or sue the person, suerties and goodes of the said William Nutshawe for the space of ten monethes ensuing, uppon hope

that in the meane time he might recover some part of his losses in Fraunce which might be emploied to their satisfaction; albeit the same hathe taken as yet no such effect as their Lordships desired, and yet are of opinion or ever it be longe he shall obtaine somwhat that maie be for his and their reliefe, they are desired at their Lordships' request to forbeare the said Nutshawe, his suerties and goodes for thre monethes longer, which thing their Lordships shall take in good parte.

Expenses with regard to prize goods.

A letter to Sir Robert Wingfielde, knight, that wheras not long sithe their Lordships' letters, together with a Commission out of the Courte of the Admiraltie, were sent unto him for the deliverie of xlvj pockettes of hoppes unto Anthonie Anthonison, adjudged to be the trewe owner of the same, forasmuch as he having sent one of purpose to receave the same, their Lordships are enformed that such excessive charges are demanded for the keping of the same as wilbe to the poore man's great hinderance, he being also charged to paie other summes of moneie to others for the recoverie and keping of the same seing that it is not convenient that he should be surcharged with more charges then are reasonable, the said Sir Robert is required to deale with such persones as demande the said summes of him to content them selves with so much as he shall reasonablie yield unto without troubling their Lordships anie further; or if they cannot agree then he particularlie to certifie their Lordships what is demaunded, and for what causes, and in the meane time to have a speciall care that the hoppes be safe kept, without suffering anie parte of them to be solde for the satisfying of the demaunde of anie of them or otherwise embeaseled, &c.

p. 784.*

A mercantile dispute.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Attorney Generall that where there was some controversie betwene the Companie of the Merchantes Adventurers and those of Spaine on th'one side, and those of the Companie trading the

* *Sic* in MS.

East Countries on the th'other, touching their admittances and pointes of their chartres, forasmuch as Mr. Attorney was made acquainted with the draught of their chartres they are required to sende for the Deputy President and Governour of the said Companies, and to heare what they can saye, and theruppon either with bothe their consentes to make such ende betwene them as all controversies maie be ended and their Lordships no more troubled, or els to certifie their opinions, &c.

A letter to the Knight Marshall, &c., to carrie Edward Wingfielde, latelie committed to his charge, to the Sheriffes of London, &c. p. 785. Edward Wingfield.

A letter to the Sheriffes of London to receave him to their charge till they shall understande their Lordships' further pleasure.

Shippes released this daye.

Uppon a peticion exhibited by the merchauntes of Southampton that five small barkes of theirs, laden in Januarie last for Rochell and Bordeaux, were by contrarie windes forced to repaire into Falmouthe where ther were yet staied, forasmuch as their Lordships heretofore were contented that all such shippes as were laden before the late Generall Restrainte of shippes and mariners should be released to goe on their intended voyages, he (*sic*) is by the Lord Admirall's letter required not onlie to suffer the said five barkes to departe, but also all such other shippes as uppon examinacion he shall finde to have ben fraighted before the said Restrainte, before the xiiijth of February last past. The wine trade and the embargo.

The same daie uppon a letter from Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Holstocke that according to a former order made by their Lordships they had taken bandes of the masters and owners of certaine shippes licensed to goe into Spaine at the suite of the President and Companie trading those partes, the Lord Admirall, by his letters unto the Sergeant of the Admiraltie, discharged them of their staie in the Porte of London, and also gave everie of them his open

letter that in case they should be by contrarie windes driven into anie other porte, then the Viceadmirall and other officers should suffer them, when winde and weather might serve their turne, to depart accordinglie.

p. 786. The names of the shippes:—

		Tonnes.	Men.	
London	The Assension	clx	xxx	for Andolozia.
	The Prudence	cl	xxx	
	The Minyon	cl	xxx	
	The Centurion	cl	xxx	
	The Marie Susan	cxx	xxv	
Southampton	The Angell of Southampton		xx	
London	The Mary and Jane		xx	for Andolozia.

xxvij Martij, 1580.

Present:—

Lord Chancelour.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlain.
Erle of Leycester.
Mr. Tresorer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Both Mr. Secretaryes.

Another ship licensed.

At the sute of William Jewett, on of the Gentlemen of her Majesties Chappell, that a barcke of his called the Trinity of Chester, with ten men, might notwithstanding the late Generall Restraint be licensed to go to Newhaven in France, it was assented unto that the Lord Admirall might permitt the same, according to a former order made by their Lordships.

p. 787. The playing-card monopoly.

A letter to Mr. Dale, Master of the Requestes, and Mr. Fleetwood, Recorder of the Citie of London, on the behalf [of] Raphe Bowes and Thomas Bedingfielde, two of her Highnes' Gentlemen Pensioners, that wheras it pleased her Majestie to grant unto them a licence for the space of certaine

yeres that none but they, and such as should be by them appointed, might bring cardes into this Realme, and to that ende letters were directed to the Custumers and other officers of the portes inhibiting all others to bring in anie such cardes as aforesaid, and further for discovering and seasing of such as might be brought in by stealthe, a seale was by them devised wherwith the said cardes so by them or others by them licensed brought in were sealed; forasmuch as their Lordships are informed that sundrie persones have notwithstanding brought in cardes, and counterfeited the said seale for the better colouring of their doinges, they are required to call before them suche persones as by the said two gentlemen shalbe named unto them to be culpable therin, and to examine them uppon such interrogatories as by their informacion they shall thincke meete to be ministred unto them in that behalf, and the said examinacions to sende unto their Lordships, taking good bandes of such of them as they shall knowe to be men of wealthe for their apparance before their Lordships, and such as shall not be of habilitie to committ to prison untill they shalbe further advertised from their Lordships.

28 Martij.

Appearances before the Clerk.

Mr. Thomas Lewkener of Sussex, and Bishop, his servant, being sent for by their Lordships' letter to make his apperance, tendred the same this day accordingly, and was willed not to departe, but give his attendance to knowe their Lordships' further pleasure.

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Francys Bodkin, Maiour of the town of Portesmouth, being sent for by their Lordships' letters of the xvijth of this present for the answering of a certen informacion exhibited

for his dealinges with pirates, made this daye his apparence, and was willed to attend ther Lordships' further pleasure.

George Greene of Leape in the county of Southampton, sent for up for like matter, made also this daye his apparence, and was willed in like sorte not to depart without their Lordships' license.

Primo Aprilis.

* Present:—

Lord Chancelor.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberleyn.	Bothe Mr. Secretaryes.
Erle of Leycester.	

Charges of piracy.

Henry White, William Hopton and William Foster, of the Isle of Wight, being sent for up by ther Lordships' letters of the xvijth of the last month for th'answering of certen matters of piracyes, having made their apperance and being examined by the Judge of her Majesties Courte of the Admiraltye, this daye the reporte of the said examinations being made unto their Lordships by Mr. Secretary Walsingham, it was ordred by ther Lordships that they shold be suffred to repaire home untill soche time as their Lordships shold thinck meete to send for them againe.

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An abduction and clandestine marriage.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of London in answer of his of the xxvjth of the last, thanking him for his paynes taken in the matter of one Hunson, who had conveyed away and married an orphan of that Citye, and requiring him to proceede farther as shold be agreable with lawe and meete for the preventing of soch actes hereafter.

Lord Shrewsbury's tenants.

A letter to the Sheriff and Justices of Peace in the county of Derby to examine certen misdemeanors of the tenantes of Glossopdale, according to a mynute remayning in the Chest.

* The attendances are given in the margin.

A letter to the Vice Admirall of the county of Norffolk that wheras their Lordships were given to understand that a certen fliboote was cast appon that coast aperteining to certen persones which served appon the seas under Monsieur de la Motte, Governour of Graveling, and nowe committed to the prison of Norwich; for certen good consideracions ther Lordships thought meete to require him to set them at libertye, in case he should understand that they had committed no spoyle appon any of her Majesties subjectes; and in this case to advertise their Lordships wherewith they are so to be charged, to the intent that theruppon they may take other order accordingly. Deference to Spain.

A placart for ij post horses for John Darrell, servant to the Erle of Ormond, to go into Irland. Posthorses.

A letter to John Cooper and John Chamberlein in the county of Oxon, esquiers, that wheras Elizabeth Borne challengethe an annuitye of vlij^{li} a yere of one William Davis, person of Odington in that countie, which she offrethe to prove by the witnesses of Fraunces Pare and Mathewe Borne, they are required to call the said Davies before them, and in their Lordships' names to deale with them (*sic*) in suche sorte as the poore woman maie be reasonablie satisfied, or els to certifie what they shall have founde therin, and in whome the default is. p. 790. Claim to an annuity.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer and note of the Lord Scrope enclosed, specifying that wheras the said Lord Scroope hathe disbursed fiftie poundes in the victualling and transportacion of the Barwicke Captens and souldiours from Workington into Irelande more than he hath receaved, his Lordship is required to paie the said summe to such person as the Lord Scroope hathe or shall appointe to receave the same, in case there remaine so much in his Lordships' handes of the Privie Seale of v^{m} ^{li} for the service of Irelande; and for that the Captens receaved the sume of l^{li} before their transportacion without warrant, which should have ben delivered to (*sic*) the Threasurer of Barwicke to the The Berwick recruits for Ireland.

Lord Scroope, it is thought requisite that his Lordship signifie so muche to the Threasurer at Warres in Irelande, to thende that he defalke the same owt of their paies there.

An imperfect surrender to the Crown.

A letter to the Lord Justice in Irelande and the rest of the Counsell resident at Dublin, with a Supplicacion enclosed on the behalf of one Morgan *alias* Moroughe Kavanaghe, sonne and heire to Brian Mackahire, late of Ballean in the Realme of Irelande, therby desiring her Majesties warrant unto the said Lord Justice for the takinge of a surrender to her use of the landes and the possessions of him self, his kinsmen and followers, and for conveyaunce of the same backe againe to him for a yerelie rent to be paid to her Majestie, and in consideracion of that rent to have the landes discharged of all imposicions, &c.; forasmuch as that matter hath ben recommended to their Lordships by letters from the late Lord Justice and (*sic*) p. 791. there, as a matter begun and agreed on there in the last time of Sir Henry Sidneye's government but not perfected, partlie for want of the forsaid warrant requisite in that behalf accordinge to the Statute of the Realme, partlie by reason of the deathe of the said Morgan, the notes and conclusions of all which remaine in writing in the handes of her Majesties Serjeant at Lawe there, he is required to sende hither with speede convenient a trewe copie of the said notes and conclusions, together with a particular of the said landes, &c., as also his opinion whether by the maintenance of the said Morgan in his possession, &c., no further prejudice or charge maie ensue to her Majestie then is here thought on, and what he thincketh of the remittal of the ccc^{li} expressed in the Supplicacion.

* Postscript.

We thincke it meete also you certifie us by what right her Majestie is intituled to the said landes.

A forcible entry.

A letter to the Sheriff and Justices of Peace in Staffordeshire with a Supplicacion enclosed touching a forcible

* Original marginal note.

entrie pretended to be made by one Thomas Austen, clerke uppon the parsonage of Churche Eaton in the countie of Stafford, appertaining (as is pretended) unto one William Jenninges by her Majesties gift, which also (as their Lordships are enformed) is by forcible meanes still kept by sondrie personnes having unlawfull weapons; they, the Sheriffes, are required to repaire thither, and with the assistance of some of the Justices of Peace next adjoyninge to examine the said forcible entrie, and finding the enformacion trewe, to proceade to the removing of the force according to the lawes and Statutes, and to certifie their Lordships what they shall have done therin, &c.

Claims against the French.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Irland in the behalf of Thomas Wise and Martin Walsh, merchantes of Waterford, that in consideracion of their losses susteined by the French they may have a certen allowance uppon every French shipp repairing into that Realme, according to an Order sett doun under the Great Seale of that Realme in the time of the Government of Sir Henry Sidney, Lord Deputy, &c.; which letter was before written by their Lordships, 3 August, 1579, and nowe by the death of Sir William Drury, the Lord Justice, brought back and nowe signed again, the old copy remayning in the Councell Chest.

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The privileges of the Lieutenant of the Tower.

A letter to the Lord Hunsdon, Lord Wentworthe and other Commissioners for the Musters in Middlesex, with a peticion enclosed pretending that the mustering of such Hamlettes as are to attende uppon the service of the Tower ought to be mustered by him self and none els; forasmuch as their Lordships doe not well remember what order hathe ben used heretofore in the Generall Musters, whether the same hathe ben taken by his Lordship, &c., or the Lieutenant as Commissioner in Middlesex authorised under the Greate Seale for that purpose or as Lieutenant alone, their Lordships are required, uppon conference with some of the ancient Justices of Peace in that countie and others that can informe of the trothe of this matter, to certifie what their knowledg is therin, to th'intent that further order maie

be taken accordingly; and in the meane time, forasmuch as it is thought convenient that the said Lieutenant should be joyned in the instruccions with the said Speciall Commissioners, &c., their Lordships are desired to geve order that the said Commission be brought to the Lord Chauncelour.

Ships released on licence.

A shippe called the Nightingale of Newecastle, of the burthen of 100 tons, and an other called the John of London, of the burthen of fifty tons, &c., freighted for Elbing in Prussia, were by their Lordships' order released by a letter from the Lord Admirall unto the Sergeant of the Admiralty.

And whereas besides it was request[ed] by Thomas Russell, Deputy of the Merchauntes trading in the Est Partes, that soch shippes as by any of the said Companye were pre-
p. 793. sently fraighted or shold be herafter fraighted in the towne of Newcastell, city of Yorck, townes of Hull and Linne might, notwithstanding the late Generall Restraint of shippes and mariners, be suffered to exercise their trade in those countreyes as hertofore they have ben accustomed, their Lordships were contented for certen good consideracions that the same shold be permitted unto them, and that the Lord Admirall, by his letters unto the Vice Admiralls, shold signify so moche for their discharge.

4 [April].

Five shippes belonging to the Staple and laden with wolls for Bruges in Flanders released, the names wherof remayne with the rest in the bundell in the Councell Chest.

5 Aprilis.

Signed by:—

Lord Chancelour.
Lord Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlain.
Erle of Bedford.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Comptroller.
Both Mr. Secretaryes.

A letter to the Lord Justice of Irland touching the service in that Realme, according to a minute remayning with Mr. Secretary Walsingham. Irish matters.

Wheras the Quenes Majesty had licensed the Spanishe Ambassadour to transporte out of this Realm into Spaine a certen quantity of timber and coppre for the erecting of a suger house, which he minded to transporte in a barck called the John Stokes of the burthen of lx tons, it was agreed that the Lord Admirall shold by his letter unto the Sergeant of the Admiraltye give order that the same might depart, &c. p. 794. The Spanish Ambassador.

A letter to the Lord Justice of the Realme of Irelande in recommendacion of ——— Payne, to be preferred to the office of Serjeant at Armes in that Realme in respecte of his service continued in that Realme by th'espace of thirtie yeres, &c., in case the same allreadie be not otherwise disposed of, &c. An Irish office.

A letter to the Maiour and Aldermen of Norwich commending their care in advertising their Lordships concerning the state of that citie, aswell for the prices of graine as for the infection of the Plague there, and their request for their Lordships assistance for the libertie of two preachers, More and Robertes, whome it is feared by some inhibition wilbe restrained; and further touching the contempt of one Bowde, now Maiour of that citie, in neglectinge the observacion of the orders published in printe touching the keping of the infected from the whole, affirminge it to be of no importance, seing God hath appointed and limitted unto everie man a certaine tenure of life, they are required to advertise whether the said reporte be trewe or not, &c. * L. Dutton. The Plague in Norwich.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwich that wheras their Lordships are advertised that it is feared that his Lordship will restraine Mr. Moore and Mr. Robertes, preachers in the said citie, from preaching, forasmuch as his Lordship's promise was finding them at such time as they were before p. 795. * L. Dutton. Instructions to the Bishop of Norwich.

* Original marginal notes.

their Lordships verie conformable, to use them with all favour, and that sithence they have neither by doctrine nor conversation of life ministred just cause of offence, and have painfullie travailed in their ministrie during the time of the infection, his Lordship is required to advertise their Lordships, if he have anye such intention, what movethe him therunto, not doubting but he will use them so charitablie as becometh a man of his profession.

* Moseley. Waste of timber.

A letter to the Deane and Chapter of Winchester, together with a copie of her Majesties letter directed unto the Bishop of that Sea, &c., for the staie of felling and cutting downe of timber trees, &c., which by reason of the death of the said Bishop could not be delivered, and so no certificates returned; they are required by vertue herof to call before them th'officers and executours belonging unto the late Bishop, and to make diligent searche and inquirie of them what timber trees have ben felled in anie the landes of the Bishoprike during the time of his residence there, and in what sorte, either uppon necessarie reparacions or otherwise, the same have ben emploied, and to retorne a trewe and perfecte certificate therof, so as the same, when herafter they shalbe tried, maie be founde to have ben made without all partialitie or fraude.

p. 796. Sir Peter Carew's estate.

A letter to Sir John Clifton, with an enclosed Supplication exhibited unto the Quenes Majestie by certaine persons which stande bounde (as it is said) for divers debtes of Sir Peter Carewe, knight; forasmuch as it is enformed that aswell by his last will, wherof the Ladie Talboyes, the said Sir John's wife, was sole executrix, as otherwise by such feoffmentes as he in his life time made of his landes he toke sufficient order for the paiment of all his debtes without troubling of anie his suerties, as it is pretended they now are, their Lordships have thought good to signifie so muche unto him and to require both him, his wife and the rest of the feoffees to consider therof,

* Original marginal note.

and to take such order as the complainantes maie rest satisfied, or els to shewe what lawfull cause either he or they can shewe to the contrarie, and to certifie their Lordships what they shall have done herein.

A placart for Sir Francis Russell, knight, to be provided of ——— post horses in his journey Northwardes as far as Barwike. Posthorses.

* The Order betwene Mr. Alderman Bond and his associates on thone side and the Merchauntes Adventurers on thother to be here entred according to the coppy. The Hamburg trade.

Westminster, *6 Aprilis*, 1580. p. 797.

Present :—

Lord Chauncelor.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Erle of Bedforde.	Mr. Secretarye Wylson.
Erle of Leycester.	

This daie was red before their Lordships a certaine Supplicacion heretofore exhibited by George Bonde, one of the Aldermen of the Cittie of London, Simon Bourman, William Bonde, and others, &c., desiringe that notwithstandinge the late order made by their Lordships for the restrainte of trafficque in the towne of Hamburge, the said suppliantes might for certaine consideracions contained in their Bill be suffered to transporte from Hamburge such commodities as by waie of merchaundise they have ben of longe time accustomed to buye in the cities of Lubeck, Luneburge and places thereaboutes, and to transporte from Hamburge directlie in Englishe ships for Spaine or Levant, the said suppliantes neither carryinge anie clothe or commoditie of this Realme or of other countreyes to be solde and uttered Hamburg as a port of transit. p. 798.

* The Order is given in the next day's proceedings.

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Hamburg as a port of transit.

at Hamburge, nor bringinge anie commodities from other places thither to be there solde, but onlie to be passed and transported from thence; their Lordships this daie having called in aswell the said Alderman and other his associates, as also the Deputie and certaine others of the Companie of the Merchauntes Adventurers, and understoode both by worde of mouth and writinge what could be alledged on bothe sides, have for sundrie good consideracions thought convenient to order the matter as followethe, viz.:—

That it shalbe lawful for the said Alderman Bonde and others named in the said Supplicacion to continewe still their trade of buyinge of waxe and other commodities in the cities of Lubeck, Luneburg and places thereabout as heretofore they have done, and notwithstandinge anie their Lordships' decrees heretofore made touchinge the repaire and trade to Hamburge, bringe the same to the towne of Hamburge to be from thence shipped and transported into
p. 799. Spaine or Levant in fower Englishe shippes, which their Lordships are contented yerelie to allowe unto them for th'exercise of their said trade; and to th'intent there maie be no fraude or abuse committed, eyther to the derogation of their Lordships' former decrees or prejudice of the traffique of the Merchauntes Adventurers now residinge in Embden, it is ordered by their Lordships that the said Alderman Bonde and the rest of his associates shall before the Lord Chancelour of Englande enter into a recognisaunce in the summe of iiij^{m} ^{li} for the said fower shippes, that is to saye one thousand poundes uppon everye shippe, to her Majestyes use, to performe these condicions followinge, viz.:—

That they shall not breake anie bulke nor carrie anie clothe or other commoditie, Englishe or forreyne, whatsoever to be solde or uttered at Hamburg, nor bringe anie commodities from the said cities of Lubecke, Luneburg and places thereaboutes to be solde and uttered there, nor bringe into this Realme or anie other place anye goodes or merchaundises of Hamburg or brought by anye others to

Hamburg as a port of transit.

Hamburge, but onlie to passe the said waxe and other commodities from Lubeck, Luneburge and other partes thereaboutes, to be fraighted at and from Hamburge in Englishe shippes and none others for Spaine or Levant, and that the said Alderman and his associates shall not exceede above the ladinge of fower Englishe shippes yerelie with such commodities as they shall so provide in Lubeck, Luneburg and other places thereabout, to be transported from Hamburge as is aforesaid, and shall not of anie sett purpose, to prejudice the trade of the Merchauntes Adventurers, bringe anie parte of the said waxe and commodities so to be provided and transported (as is aforesaid) into this Realme to be here solde, unles by tempest or other casualtie they shalbe therto constrained; uppon which bandes appointed to be taken by the said Lord Chauncelour and to remaine onelie in force for the espace of one yeare next ensuinge after the date of everie of them and to be retorned and kept in the Counsell Chest, it was assented unto by their Lordships that the sayd Alderman and the rest, without anie derogation or prejudice of their freedomes or orders made by the Companye of the Merchauntes Adventurers, might continewe their said trade to Lubeck, Luneburge and places thereaboutes, to buye waxe and other commodities and to bringe the same to Hamburg to be from thence fraighted in Englishe shippes for Spaine or Levant, as heretofore they have done, any decree or act heretofore made by their Lordships or the said Company of the Merchauntes Adventurers to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

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Lord Chauncelor.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Erle of Bedforde.
Erle of Leycester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Wylson.

Protest of the Merchant Adventurers overruled.

Wheras uppon the makinge of the former Order the Deputie of the Companie of the Merchauntes Adventurers desiringe to be alone admitted to their Lordships' presence, besought them that there might be some staie made of their Lordships' resolution untill suche time as uppon further deliberation with the rest of that Companie, then absent, he might be the better hable to enforme their Lordships of more sufficient causes and reasones then were yet alledged why the said repaire and trade to Hamburge should not be permitted to the beforenamed Alderman Bonde and his associates, this daie their Lordships callinge both parties before them, and havinge red and considered of certaine
p. 802. articles exhibited in writinge on the behalf of the said Companie of the Merchauntes Adventurers, sawe no cause why their Lordships' former Order should in anie point be undon or altered, and therfore commaunded that the same, as their Order and Decree, should be entred into the Counsell Booke; and further it was by their Lordships thought convenient that as manye suche Merchauntes of the Societie and Fellowshippe of the Merchauntes Adventurers as either heretofore have used the like trade of buyinge of waxe and other merchaundises at Lubeck, Luneburge and other places thereaboutes, and brought the same to Hamburge to be from thence transported in Englishe shippes into Spaine or Levant, or hereafter would use that trade, should, uppon like recognisaunce to be taken by the Lord Chauncelour in the summe of one thousande poundes for everie shippes ladinge that they shall breake no bulke at Hamburge, nor carrie anye commodities out of this Realme or from anie other place to be solde at Hamburge, nor bringe anye commodities from Lubeck, Luneberge and places thereaboutes now licensed unto them to be uttered and solde at Ham-
p. 803. burge, nor bringe from thence anye wares or commodities of Hamburge or brought thither by anye other, should be licensed to buye the said waxe and other commodities at Lubeck, Luneburge and other places thereaboutes, and to bringe the same to Hamburge to be from thence passed

and transported into Spaine or Levant in fower Englishe shippes yerelie, which their Lordships are for this time contented to allowe for that purpose unto suche merchauntes as heretofore have used or at this time doe use that trade, provided that the said merchauntes and traders to Lubeck and Luneburge doe first enter into bandes before the Lord Chauncelour as his Lordship shall thinck most convenient, either in the summe of fower thousand poundes at one time for the said fower shippes so licensed unto them, as is before expressed for the said Alderman Bonde and his associates, or els of one thousande poundes uppon everie such shippe as they shall from time to time, when occasion shall serve, employe for that purpose, the said bandes and everie of them to remaine onlye in force for th'espace of one yere next ensuinge after the date of everie of them, and to be retorned and kept in the Counsell Chest; and, further, it is thought meete by their Lordships that aswell the sayd Alderman Bonde and his associates as all suche other merchauntes as have used or maye hereafter use the aforesaid trade of buyinge of waxe and other commodities at Lubeck, Luneburg and other places thereaboutes p. 804. to be transported into Spaine, Levant and other forreine partes in maner as is before expressed, may occupie and use suche trade and meanes for the exchaunginge of their moneye from place to place as maie be for their best commoditye and as heretofore they have done, anye thinge contained in their Lordships' former Decrees made in the cause betwene the Merchauntes Adventurers and the Steedes of the Haunse, or other act or actes done by the Companie of the Merchauntes Adventurers to the contrarie notwithstanding.

* Robert Beale.

xj Aprilis. p. 805.

William Haulkines of Plimouth, and John Heale, gentle- W. Hawkins.
man, being sent for by their Lordships' order to answer

* Original signature.

certen matter objected against them by Sir Henry Ratcliff, knight, Capten of Portsmouth, made this day their apparence and were commaunded not to depart, but to attend their Lordships' further pleasure.

xiij Aprilis.

Present:—

Lord Chauncelor.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Erle of Leycester.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Both Mr. Secretaryes.

Reclamation of Erith Marshes.

A letter to the Countesse Dowager of Penbroke, and other owners of the marshes besides Erithe and Plumsted in the countie of Kent, that wheras certaine persones by an Act of Parlament in the xiiijth yere of her Majesties reign being authorised for the space of eight yeres for the wining and recovering of the said marshes and surrounded landes have not as yet, through the unskillfullnes of the workemen emploied in that behalf, accomplished the same; forasmuch as they have at this time out of forreine partes procured other skillfull workemen and have ben at great charges about the said workes, they, as owners, are desired, for that thexpiracion of the said time limited by Parlament approchethe, to graunt unto the persones aforesaid some longer time for the finishing of the said worke, so as bothe the owners may reape benefit of their said ground and the persones who with their so great charge shall have finished the same be not defrauded of the benefit which the lawe assigneth unto them * for

p. 806.

The Family of Love.

A letter to the Bishop of Exceter thancking him for his care used in the discoverie of a certaine Sect of people in that countie terming them selves to be of the Familie of Love, &c.; and in case Randoll (in whose behalf, being dis-

* The final words at the foot of the page are now illegible.

charged by the High Commission Ecclesiasticall, their Lordships wrote their letters) shalbe founde to be one of that Secte, that then his Lordship would, notwithstanding their Lordships' said letter, commit him againe and procead with him according to lawe and justice; and for his better assistance his Lordship is advertised that the Sheriffe and Justices of Peace of that countie are required by their Lordships' letters written unto them to joyne with his Lordship in discovering of the said Sect, &c.

A letter to the Sheriff and Justices of Peace in the countie of Devon, requiring them to be assisting unto the Bishop of Exceter in searching out and punishing of such persones as terme them selves to be of the Familie of Love.

A letter to John Coles, esquiour, thancking him for his letter written to the Erle of Bedford concerning the assemblies of such as terme them selves to be of the Familie of Love in that county, and further advertising him of their Lordships' letters written unto the Bishop of Exceter for the disclosing and punishing of them, and likewise to the Sheriffes and Justices of Peace, &c., to joyne with his Lordship in that behalf; to whome he is also required to be assistaunt in the discovering and redressing of the said disorderly assemblies, and to enforme them of such particularities of that matter as it seemethe he doth knowe in that behalf.

A warrant to the Threasurer of her Majesties Chamber to paye unto the wife of Robert Langham, late Keper of the Counsell Chamber, the summe of ten poundes for his paines taken and provicion of flowers, &c., for the said Chamber for one whole yere ending at the Feast of th'Anuntiacion of Our Ladie last past. p. 807. Death of the Keeper of the Council Chamber.

Robert Leveson and Larrance Dutton, servantes unto the Erle of Oxford, were committed to the Mareshalsea for committing of disorders and frayes appon the gentlemen of the Innes of the Courte. The Marshalsea.

The Musters. A letter to the Lord Marquis of Winchester, Lord Thomas Howard and rest of the Speciall Commissioners for the Musters in answer of an other lately receaved from them, according to a minute remayning in the Councell Chest.

p. 808. *14 Aprilis.*

Present:—

Lord Chauncelor.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlaine.
Erle of Leycester.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Mr. Secretary Wylson.

Penal Statutes and recusants. A letter to the Sheriffe of the countie of Lancaster in the behalf of Nicholas Anesley, gentleman, Yeoman for her Majesties mouthe, that wheras it pleased her Majestie to graunt unto him under the Great Seale of Englande the penalties imposed by lawe uppon certaine persones in Lanceshire, transgressours of the Statutes for matters of Religion, wherby her Majesties intention being to terrifie the offendours, and that the penaltie might rather be moderated by some gentle composicion with the said Ansleye then that th'extremitie were sought by th'entier execucion of the Statute; forasmuch as their Lordships are enformed that the said offendours refusing reasonably to compound with the said Ansley doe rather chuse to be imprisoned, which their Lordships thincke no sufficient punishment, they are [informed] that if anye of the said offendours that have ben so convicted shall refuse hereafter to stande to such reasonable composicion as shalbe offered by the said Ansley, or his deputie to be by him authorised for that purpose, according to her Majesties graunte, that then, uppon notice to be geven unto them of anie the said offendours by the said Ansley or his deputie, they cause them to be apprehended and sent upp to their Lordships to be proceaded withall as the qualitie of their offences shall deserve, and that they certifie their Lordships what they shall have done herin.

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paie unto John Welles, her Majesties Currier, the summe of xxv^{li} in consideracion of so much taken from him uppon the seas by pirates, being sent for her Majesties affaires into the Realme of Fraunce. p. 809. Warrant for payment.

A letter to Henry Woodrington requiring him to cause restitucion to be made unto one David Endach, Burgesse of Abyrden in the Realme of Scotlande (whose complaint was recommended unto her Majestie from the Scotch King) of a certaine craer, called the George, retorning out of Flaunders laden with merchandises and driven by tempestes uppon the coast of Northumberland at Wodrington, where it is said that he hath stayed the same and refuseth to make restitucion therof; or els to certifie unto their Lordships what lawfull cause he can pretende to the contrarie, taking good care in the meane time that no parte of the said goodes be distracted or spent untill suche time as he shall understande their Lordships' further pleasure therin. Wrecking in Northumberland.

xv Aprill, 1580. p. 810.

Present:—

Lord Chauncelor.	Mr. Vicechamberlaine.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Wylson.
Erle of Leycester.	

A letter to the Bishop of Worcester and other of the Justices of Peace in the countie of Worcester in aunswer of a letter sent from them unto their Lordships wherby they require to have a supplie made of certaine persones to be appointed Speciall Commissioners for the Musters, partlie by the sicknes and partlye by the absence of such as were heretofore appointed, &c.; their Lordships like well of the choice of Mr. Walter Blunt and Edmund Coles, and for that the Commission was generallie meant and addressed unto The Musters.

them all they maie, by vertue of these their Lordships' letters, require the said Mr. Blunt and Mr. Coles to be assisting unto them in this service in such sorte as if they had ben before speciallie nominated amonge the reste of the Speciall Commissioners.

* A counterfeit Harrold.

A warrant to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paie unto ——— Bentall and ———, servauntes to th'erle of Shrewsberie, the summe of iiij^{li} for the charges of the bringing upp of John Norton from Sheffelde by their Lordships' order.

p. 811. *xvij Aprilis.*

Lord Chauncelor.
Lord Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.
Lord Chamberlayne.
Erle of Leycester.
Lord Hunsdon.
Mr. Comptroller.
Both Mr. Secretaries.

Lord Shrewsbury's tenants.

A letter to the Sheriffe and Justices of Peace in the countie of Derbie, touching th'erle of Shrewsburies tenantes of Glossopdale, &c., according to the minute remayning in the Counsell Chest.

A letter to th'erle of Shrewsburie with two submissions enclosed of his Lordship's tenantes of Glossopdale, &c., according to the minute remaining in the Counsell Cheste.

The Musters.

A letter to th'erle of Rutlande and others, Especiall Commissioners for the Musters in the countie of Nottingham, in aunswer of a letter sent from them unto their Lordships; their Lordships advertise them that they like verie well of the choice of Sir Robert Constable, Sir William Holleyes, knightes, and George Chaworth and George Nevill, esquiours, and that therfore they require them to be assisting unto them in the service of the Musters in such sorte as if

* Original marginal note.

they had ben before speciallie nominated amongst the rest of the Speciall Commissioners for the Musters aforesaid, &c.

An old debt discharged.

A warraunt to the Threasurer of the Chamber to paie unto the wife of Christofer Battie, freemason, lately deceased, the somme of xlv^{li} v^{s} vj^{d} as parcell of an accompt of liij^{li} ix^{s} iiij^{d} for wages for him and his servauntes under the late Erle of Essex for her Majesties service in Ulster in the Realme of Irelande, which said somme was not remembred among the said Erles reckoning in the closing upp of his accompt.

p. 812.

The Kentish Beacons.

A letter to the Lord Cobham for the ceasing of the watching of Beacons in Kent being chargeable to the contrye, and to continewe only the watching of Upnore Beacon besides Jillingham.

The fear of the Plague.

A letter to the Lord Wentworth and Lord Hunsdon and the rest of the Justices of Pece in the county of Middlesex that wheras the Queen's Majesty had given straight charg unto the Lord Maiour to have a speciall care to the keping cleene of the City, and to provide and prevent all soch occasions and causes as might breed or encrease any infection, forasmuche as the great resorte of people to playes ys thought to be very dangerous, &c., they are required to give order that all playes may be restrained until Michelmas, and further to have a good regard to the execution of the Statute against roges and vagabondes.

Lord Shrewsbury's tenants.

William Booth, Thomas Booth, William Dawson, Henry Botham, William Booth, Thomas Jackson, Olyver Smith, tenantes to the Erle of Shrewsbury in his manner of Glossopdale in the county of Derby, heretofore committed by their Lordships to the prison of the Marshalsea, were this day discharged and sett at libertye appon ther submission, which remayneth in the Councell Chest.

The Northern fisheries.

A shippe called the Samaritan, appon bandes taken by the Judg of the Admiraltye, licensed unto the Company of Moscovia to depart out of the Poorte of London to go on a fishing voiag in Lappa.

p. 813. xix [April].

Present:—

Lord Chauncelor.	Lord Admirall.
Lord Threasurer.	Lord Chamberlaine.

The Musters. A letter to Sir William Buttes and the rest of the Especiall Commissioners in Norffolk that wheras Mr. William Heydon, Viceadmirall of the said countie, was by some default of the writer omitted in the Commission for the taking of the Generall Musters, contrarie to their Lordships' meaning, they are required to call unto them the said Mr. William Heydon to be assisting unto them in such sorte as if he had ben especiallie nominated in the instructions annexed to the said Commissions with the rest.

xxij Aprilis, at the Starr Chamber.

Lord Chancelor.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erle of Bedford.	Both Mr. Secretaryes.
Erle of Leycester.	Sir Walter Mildmay.

The Earthquake. * A letter to the Bishop of London touching the Fast and Prayers apointed sithe the Erthquake.

The Musters. A letter to the Sheriff and Speciall Commissioners hertofore apointed for the Musters in the county of Somersett, what order is to be taken between them and the shier adjoyning for the ayding one the other, according to the minute remayning in the Chest.

xxiij Aprilis.

† Lying at Mr. Alderman Osborne's. Sir Thomas Lucas, knight, being sent for by a letter signed by some of their Lordships, made this day his apparance,

* This entry is made in the margin.
† Original marginal note.

and was commaunded to give his attendance uppon their Lordships untill soch time as he shold be otherwise licensed.

24 Aprilis, 1580, Westminster. p. 814.

Lord Chancelour.	Lord Hunsdon.
Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Threasurer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Chamberlain.	Both Mr. Secretaryes.
Erle of Bedford.	
Erle of Leycester.	

The embargo relaxed in favour of Barnstaple.

Appon a motyon made by the Erle of Bedford that the inhabitantes of the town of Barstable in the county of Devon might, notwithstanding the late Generall Restraint for shippes and mariners, be licensed to trade with their shippes and barckes as hertofore they have don in forrein partes, their Lordships were contented to graunt the said request, and that the Lord Admirall might signify so moche unto the Viceadmirall and other her Majesties officers in the said county to suffer them to continew their said trade with their shippes into forrein partes without any their empechement or lett to the contrary.

The Fleet prison.

Sir Thomas Lucas, knight, for that appon the hearing of a matter between him and one ——— Vaughan, one of her Majesties Fotemen, there appeared great cause of suspicion to thinck that the said Sir Thomas was privye to an outrage committed by one Francis Gorge, his servant, appon the said Vaughan at the time of the last Assise holden in the county of Essex, was committed to the Fleete.

p. 815.
Release on bail.

This day order was taken by their [Lordships that] Thomas Wiriott, lately one of the Yomen of her Majesties Garde, and by Mr. Vicechamberlain commaunded hertofore to forbeare to were her Highnes' cote, which nevertheles he contempteuously did in the countrye, and for that cause and other his misdemeanors committed to the prison of the Mareshalsea, shold be released and sett at libertye appon

his own band in one hundred poundes that he should not were his cote untill soch time as he shold be otherwise licensed by her Majestie, and shold be forthcoming appon warning to be given at his house of the personag of Carewe in the parishe of Carewe in the county of Pembroke when he shold be sent for by their Lordships.

The capmaking trade.

The like order taken for Robert Blunt, capper of Lichfield, committed to the same prison appon informacion given that he had receaved sondry summes of money of divers persons by vertue of a Commission from her Majestie for the putting in execution of a Statute made for the making and wering of cappes, wherof he could make no dewe and just accompt, and therfore was committed; bondes taken of him, one Thomas Tomkins and Henry Skipper, haberdashers of London, in the sum of one hundred poundes that the said Blunt shold be forthcoming to answer soch matter as shold be objected against him, appon reasonable warning either to be given at the said Bluntes house in the town of Lichfield, or of the abovenamed Thomas Tomkins in the parish of St. Alpheges, or of Henry Skipp[er] in the parish of St. Giles without Cripple-
p. 816. gate in London; and further the said Blunt before his departure into the country to finish his accompt, the auditing wherof had ben formerly committed by their Lordships' letters to be cast up by William Dodington and ——— Coniers, Auditors of her Majesty's Prestes.

xxvj Aprilis.

Signed by:—

* Lord Tresorer.	Mr. Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Erle of Bedford.	Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Erle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Lord Hunsdon.	Mr. Secretary Wilson.

* The names are given in the margin.

Three letters unto the Wardens of the Borders to putt them selves in a redines for a meting to be holden with certen Commissioners of Scotland touching matters of the Borders, according to a minute remayning in the Chest. The Scottish Marches.

A letter to Caverley, one of the Jurates of the town of Hastinges, to pay certen worckmen which have been employed about the haven of Hastinges and are dismissed without ther wages that which ys dewe unto them out of soch sommes of mony as he, being apointed the paymaster, hath for that purpose, or els to deale with the Maior and town to see them answered, seeing the worckes are thers, so as their Lordships be no more trobled therwith. The works at Hastings.

27, Signed as before.

A placart to the Sherif of the county of Oxon, &c., and especially to Thomas Penison, Richard Huddleston and John Chamberlain, esquiers, to apprehende one William Pudsey, a notorious felon, suspect to remayne lurking in that countye. For an arrest.

*A letter to Sir John Pelham, kny[ght, ... p. 817.
——— Scotishman, so moch as he . . . . . A mutilated entry.
appon the sale of certen wines sold in Sussex aper . . .
to the said Scotishman, even as the Lord Buckhurst had answered his parte.

Two severall letters to the Sheriff and Especiall Commissioners for the Musters in the countes of Cambridg and Oxford, that they forbeare to intermedle with the mustering of the Universities, &c. The Musters.

A lettter to the Sheriffe and Especiall Commissioners for the Musters in the countie of Hereford (*sic*) signifying that their Lordships like well of the choice of Thomas Conesbye, James Pardye and Thomas Hackluyt to joyne with them

* The corner of this page is worn off.

in the service aforesaid of the Musters in steade of those which by reason of their absence and sicknes could not attend that said service.

Letter of commendation.

A letter to the Bishop and Chapter of Bathe and Welles in recommendation of Mr. Powell, having nowe a good whiles ben the Ordinarie Reader in the Churche of Paules, seing he is minded to geve up his said Lecture of Paules, &c., and desireth to attende wholie uppon service of the ministerie in that countie where he was borne; they are desired in respecte he is a lerned and good preacher that they would bestowe uppon him some roome of a Residenciary Canon or Prebendarie in their Churche, if anie such place be presentlie [vacant], or els the next that shall fall, &c.

p. 818. *xxix^th^ Aprilis*, 1580.

Signed:—

Lord Chancelour.
Lord Tresorer.
Lord Admirall.
Erle of Bedford.
Erle of Leycester.
Mr. Tresorer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Vicechamberlain.
Mr. Secretary Wilson.

Victuals for Ireland.

Three letters, one to the Lord Justice of Irland, thother to Sir William Winter, the third to Mr. Bash, for the sending of more victells into Irland, according to the minute remayning in the Chest.

An Irish case.

A letter to the Lord Archbishop of Dublin, Lord Keper of the Great Seale of Ireland, touching a matter betwene Edward Cusacke and Sir John Plunkett, according to the minute remayning in the Chest.

A summons obeyed.

Silvester Belewe in the county of Lincoln, gentleman, being sent for up for some matter in controversie betwene him and the officers of Sir William Pelham, knight, Lord Justice of the Realme of Irland, touching landes bought

hertofore of him by the said Sir William, made this day his apparance and was willed to give his attendance and not to depart without their Lordships farther licence.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of London to sett at liberty one Edward Bankes, hertofore committed for being a doer, with one Hunson, in the conveying away of one Judith Coxe, an orphan of the Citye, appon bandes and suertyes to be furthcoming when ether by their Lordships or the said Lord Maiour he may be called for. Release on bail.

*A letter to Sir John Brocket, knight, Ch . . . Horsey, ——— Puckering, ——— Alexander . . . . . certaine speaches (contained in a schedule inclosed) enformed [by] Jo . . . Gape, Maiour of the towne of St. Albons, to have ben uttered against th'erle of Leycester by Robert Snagge, as also touching other matter exhibited by the said Robert Snagge against the said Gape (contained in another schedule herin also enclosed), requiring them to examine both parties and to see what proofes or disproofes eche of them can alledge for the same, &c. p. 819. Lewd words at St. Alban's.

A letter to Sir John Brocket, Conesby, ——— Puckering, ——— Spenser, ——— Cade, &c., concerning certaine wordes enformed by John Gape, Maiour of St. Albones, to have ben uttered against him by Robert Snagg in their presence at an assemblie appointed in the sayd towne; they are required to certifie unto their Lordships under their handes assone as convenientlie they may what to their remembraunce the wordes uttered by the said Snagg were, or whether he used any suche speaches or no, &c.

A letter to Mr. Pates and Mr. Throgmorton to examine and certi[fie] unto their Lordships the occacion and maner of a quarrell and affray happened the xxth of March last past in the citie of Gloucester betwene Robert Longe on th'one side, and Robert Robinson, Searcher of the river of Severn, on th'other. A fray at Gloucester.

* The corner of this page is also worn away.

The Pillory.

A letter to the Lord Maiour of the City of London for th'enlarging of one Robert Archer, heretofore by order of the Courte of the Starre Chamber for certaine his lewde misdemeanours adjudged to stand appon the Pillory, being also afterwardes committed to the prison of Newgate; if the said Archer have sustained the said punishment accordinglie, unles sufficient cause maie be pretended to the contrarie, which he is required to certifie unto their Lordships, uppon bandes for his good behaviour he maye release him, &c.

Two grave charges of fraud.

A letter to the Lord Bishop of London with a Supplicacion enclosed complaining of the attaching and sending for by his servauntes (to the abuse of the Commission Ecclesiasticall) for poore men to their great charges and hinderance, nothing at their coming being laid unto their charg, but
p. 820. offered to be excused for a little money; [in ca]se nothing can be duelie proved against the partie complainaunt, his Lordship is required to see him dismissed and his charges about this matter aunswered him, and his servaunt Ducket and others who troubled the partie taught better to behave them selves, and to retorne a trewe and particular certificate of the whole matter assoone as he convenientlie maye.

A letter to the Lord Thomas Powlet, signyfyinge unto his Lordship their Lordships' proceadinges with Christofer Escot, James Bolting, and James Davyes, that they uppon their apparance here beinge founde culpable of the offence for discharging of souldiours for money which were appointed for Irelande, &c., and committed to prison, were uppon their humble suite released uppon bandes to retorne at the beginning of this next Terme, which they having done accordingly, and thereuppon an Informacion exhibited against them in the Star Chamber by Mr. Attorney Generall, the said Escot and Bolting acknowledging their fault, &c., their Lordships have uppon their humble submissions ben contented to suffer them to repaire home uppon bandes that they

shall acknowledg their offence in some open presence before his Lordship and the rest of the Justices of Peace, either at the next Assises or Quarter Sessions to be holden within that countie, and besides that the parties shalbe satisfied of the money exacted of them and the armour and furniture of the countrie restored, which his Lordship is desired to see performed accordingly; touching the lewde speaches by them used for their releasement out of the Marshallsey, and the said Archer's (*sic*) and Boltinges going about to drawe and publishe certaine articles of abuses pretended to be done by his Lordship (as his Lordship in his letter to Mr. Secretarie Walsingham writethe), his Lordship is advertised that they having exhibited no such articles here and denying both th'one and th'other, no order could be taken therin as his Lordship requireth, which their Lordships will not faile to doe if they shall understande of anie such thing herafter as shalbe for the maintenance of his Lordship's credite, &c.

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This work gives the only contemporaneous account of the rise of the Lollards.

6. The Buik of the Croniclis of Scotland; or, A Metrical Version of the History of Hector Boece; by William Stewart. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* W. B. Turnbull, Barrister-at-Law. 1858.

This is a metrical translation of a Latin Prose Chronicle, written in the first half of the 16th century. The narrative begins with the earliest legends and ends with the death of James I. of Scotland, and the "evil ending of the traitors that slew him." The peculiarities of the Scottish dialect are well illustrated in this version.

7. Johannis Capgrave Liber de Illustribus Henricis. *Edited by* the Rev. F. C. Hingeston, M.A. 1858.

The first part relates only to the history of the Empire from the election of Henry I. the Fowler, to the end of the reign of the Emperor Henry VI. The second part is devoted to English history, from the accession of Henry I. in 1100, to 1446, which was the twenty-fourth year of the reign of Henry VI. The third part contains the lives of illustrious men who have borne the name of Henry in various parts of the world.

8. Historia Monasterii S. Augustini Cantuariensis, by Thomas of Elmham, formerly Monk and Treasurer of that Foundation. *Edited by* Charles Hardwick, M.A., Fellow of St. Catharine's Hall, and Christian Advocate in the University of Cambridge. 1858.

This history extends from the arrival of St. Augustine in Kent until 1191.

9. Eulogium (Historiarum sive Temporis): Chronicon ab Orbe condito usque ad Annum Domini 1366; a monacho quodam Malmesbiriensi exaratum. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* F. S. Haydon, B.A. 1858–1863.

This is a Latin Chronicle extending from the Creation to the latter part of the reign of Edward III., and written by a monk of Malmesbury, about the year 1367. A continuation carries the history of England down to the year 1413.

10. Memorials of Henry the Seventh: Bernardi Andreæ Tholosatis Vita Regis Henrici Septimi; necnon alia quædam ad eundem Regem spectantia. *Edited by* James Gairdner. 1858.

The contents of this volume are—(1) a life of Henry VII., by his poet Laureate and historiographer, Bernard André, of Toulouse, with some compositions in verse, of which he is supposed to have been the author; (2) the journals of Roger Machado during certain embassies to Spain and Brittany, the first of which had reference to the marriage of the King's son, Arthur, with Catharine of Arragon; (3) two curious reports by envoys sent to Spain in 1505 touching the succession to the Crown of Castile, and a project of marriage between Henry VII. and the Queen of Naples; and (4) an account of Philip of Castile's reception in England in 1506. Other documents of interest are given in an appendix.

11. Memorials of Henry the Fifth. I.—Vita Henrici Quinti, Roberto Redmanno auctore. II.—Versus Rhythmici in laudem Regis Henrici Quinti. III.—Elmhami Liber Metricus de Henrico V. *Edited by* Charles A. Cole. 1858.

12. Munimenta Gildhallæ Londoniensis; Liber Albus, Liber Custumarum, et Liber Horn, in archivis Gildhallæ asservati. Vol. I., Liber Albus. Vol. II. (in Two Parts), Liber Custumarum. Vol. III., Translation of the Anglo-Norman Passages in Liber Albus, Glossaries, Appendices, and Index. *Edited by* Henry Thomas Riley, M.A., Barrister-at-Law. 1859–1862.

The *Liber Albus*, compiled by John Carpenter, Common Clerk of the City of London in the year 1419, gives an account of the laws, regulations, and institutions of that City in the 12th, 13th, 14th, and early part of the 15th centuries. The *Liber Custumarum* was compiled in the early part of the 14th century during the reign of Edward II. It also gives an account of the laws, regulations, and institutions of the City of London in the 12th, 13th, and early part of the 14th centuries.

13. Chronica Johannis de Oxenedes. *Edited by* Sir Henry Ellis, K.H. 1859.

Although this Chronicle tells of the arrival of Hengist and Horsa, it substantially begins with the reign of King Alfred, and comes down to 1292. It is particularly valuable for notices of events in the eastern portions of the Kingdom,

14. A Collection of Political Poems and Songs relating to English History, from the Accession of Edward III. to the Reign of Henry VIII. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* Thomas Wright, M.A. 1859–1861.

15. The "Opus Tertium," "Opus Minus," &c. of Roger Bacon. *Edited by* J. S. Brewer, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. 1859.

16. Bartholomæi de Cotton, Monachi Norwicensis, Historia Anglicana; 449–1298; necnon ejusdem Liber de Achiepiscopis et Episcopis Angliæ. *Edited by* Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge, 1859.

17. Brut y Tywysogion; or, The Chronicle of the Princes of Wales. *Edited by* the Rev. John Williams ab Ithel, M.A. 1860.

This work, written in the ancient Welsh language, begins with the abdication and death of Caedwala at Rome, in the year 681, and continues the history down to the subjugation of Wales by Edward I., about the year 1282.

18. A Collection of Royal and Historical Letters during the Reign of Henry IV. 1399–1404. *Edited by* the Rev. F. C. Hingeston, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford. 1860.

19. The Repressor of over much Blaming of the Clergy. By Reginald Pecock, sometime Bishop of Chichester. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* the Rev. Churchill Babington, B.D., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1860.

The "Repressor" may be considered the earliest piece of good theological disquisition of which our English prose literature can boast. The author was born about the end of the fourteenth century, consecrated Bishop of St. Asaph in the year 1444, and translated to the see of Chichester in 1450. His work is interesting chiefly because it gives a full account of the views of the Lollards, and it has great value for the philologist.

20. Annales Cambriæ. *Edited by* the Rev. John Williams ab Ithel, M.A. 1860.

These annals, which are in Latin, commenced in 447, and come down to 1288. The earlier portion appears to be taken from an Irish Chronicle used by Tigernach, and by the compiler of the Annals of Ulster.

21. The Works of Giraldus Cambrensis. Vols. I.–IV. *Edited by* the Rev. J. S. Brewer, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. Vols. V.–VII. *Edited by* the Rev. James F. Dimock, M.A., Rector of Barnburgh, Yorkshire. Vol. VIII. *Edited by* George F. Warner, M.A., of the Department of MSS., British Museum. 1861–1891.

These volumes contain the historical works of Gerald du Barry, who lived in the reigns of Henry II., Richard I., and John. His works are of a very miscellaneous nature, both in prose and verse, and are remarkable for the anecdotes which they contain.

The *Topographia Hibernica* (in Vol. V.) is the result of Giraldus' two visits to Ireland the first in 1183, the second in 1185–6, when he accompanied Prince John into that country. The *Expugnatio Hibernica* was written about 1188, and may be regarded rather as a great epic than a sober relation of acts occurring in his own days. Vol. VI. contains the *Itinerarium Kambriæ et Descriptio Kambriæ*; and Vol. VII., the lives of S. Remigius and S. Hugh. Vol. VIII. contains the Treatise *De Principum Instructione*, and an Index to Vols. I.–IV. and VIII.

22. Letters and Papers illustrative of the Wars of the English in France during the Reign of Henry the Sixth, King of England. Vol. I., and Vol. II. (in Two Parts). *Edited by* the Rev. Joseph Stevenson, M.A., Vicar of Leighton Buzzard. 1861–1864.

23. The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, according to the several Original Authorities. Vol. I., Original Texts. Vol. II., Translation. *Edited and translated by* Benjamin Thorpe, Member of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Munich, and of the Society of Netherlandish Literature at Leyden. 1861.

There are at present six independent manuscripts of the Saxon Chronicle, ending in different years, and written in different parts of the country. In this edition, the text of each manuscript is printed in columns on the same page, so that the student may see at a glance the various changes which occur in orthography.

24. Letters and Papers illustrative of the Reigns of Richard III. and Henry VII. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* James Gairdner. 1861–1863.

The principal contents of the volumes are some diplomatic Papers of Richard III., correspondence between Henry VII. and Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain; documents relating to Edmund de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk; and a portion of the correspondence of James IV. of Scotland.

25. Letters of Bishop Grosseteste. *Edited by* the Rev. Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1861.

The letters of Robert Grosseteste range in date from about 1210 to 1253, and relate to various matters connected not only with the political history of England during the reign of Henry III., but with its ecclesiastical condition. They refer especially to the diocese of Lincoln, of which Grosseteste was bishop.

26. Descriptive Catalogue of Manuscripts relating to the History of Great Britain and Ireland. Vol. I. (in Two Parts); Anterior to the Norman Invasion. (*Out of Print*). Vol. II.; 1066–1200. Vol. III.; 1200–1327. *By* Sir Thomas Duffus Hardy, D.C.L., Deputy Keeper of the Records. 1862–1871.

The object of this work is to publish notices of all known sources of British history, both printed and unprinted, in one continued sequence. The materials, when historical (as distinguished from biographical), are arranged under the year in which the latest event is recorded in the chronicle or history, and not under the period in which its author, real or supposed, flourished. Biographies are enumerated under the year in which the person commemorated died, and not under the year in which the life was written. A brief analysis of each work has been added when deserving it, in which original portions are distinguished from mere compilations. A biographical sketch of the author of each piece has been added, and a brief notice of such British authors as have written on historical subjects.

27. Royal and other Historical Letters illustrative of the Reign of Henry III. Vol. I., 1216–1235. Vol. II., 1236–1272. *Selected and edited by* the Rev. W. W. Shirley, D.D., Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History, and Canon of Christ Church, Oxford. 1862–1866.

28. Chronica Monasterii S. Albani.—1. Thomæ Walsingham Historia Anglicana; Vol. I., 1272–1381: Vol. II., 1381–1422. 2. Willelmi Rishanger Chronica et Annales, 1259-1307. 3. Johannis de Trokelowe et Henrici de Blaneforde Chronica et Annales, 1259–1296; 1307–1324; 1392–1406. 4. Gesta Abbatum Monasterii S. Albani, a Thoma Walsingham, regnante Ricardo Secundo, ejusdem Ecclesiæ Præcentore, compilata; Vol. I., 793–1290: Vol. II., 1290–1349: Vol. III., 1349–1411. 5. Johannis Amundesham, Monachi Monasterii S. Albani, ut videtur, Annales; Vols. I. and II. 6. Registra quorundam Abbatum Monasterii S. Albani, qui Sæculo XV^mo^ floruere; Vol. I., Registrum Abbatiæ Johannis Whethamstede, Abbatis Monasterii Sancti Albani, iterum susceptæ; Roberto Blakeney, Capellano, quondam adscriptum: Vol. II., Registra Johannis Whethamstede, Willelmi Albon, et Willelmi Walingforde, Abbatum Monasterii Sancti Albani, cum Appendice, continente quasdam Epistolas, a Johanne Whethamstede Conscriptas. 7. Ypodigma Neustriæ a Thoma Walsingham, quondam Monacho Monasterii S. Albani, conscriptum. *Edited by* Henry Thomas Riley, M.A., Barrister-at-Law. 1863–1876.

In the first two volumes is a History of England, from the death of Henry III. to the death of Henry V., by Thomas Walsingham, Precentor of St. Albans.

In the 3rd volume is a Chronicle of English History, attributed to William Rishanger, who lived in the reign of Edward I.: an account of transactions attending the award of the kingdom of Scotland to John Balliol, 1291–1292, also attributed to William Rishanger, but on no sufficient ground: a short Chronicle of English History, 1292 to 1300, by an unknown hand: a short Chronicle Willelmi Rishanger Gesta Edwardi Primi, Regis Angliæ, with Annales Regum Angliæ, probably by the same hand: and fragments of three Chronicles of English History, 1285 to 1307.

In the 4th volume is a Chronicle of English History, 1259 to 1296: Annals of Edward II., 1307 to 1323, by John de Trokelowe, a monk of St. Albans, and a continuation of Trokelowe's Annals, 1323, 1324, by Henry de Blaneforde: a full Chronicle of English History, 1392 to 1406; and an account of the Benefactors of St. Albans, written in the early part of the 15th century.

The 5th, 6th, and 7th volumes contain a history of the Abbots of St. Albans, 793 to 1411, mainly compiled by Thomas Walsingham: with a Continuation.

The 8th and 9th volumes, in continuation of the Annals, contain a Chronicle, probably by John Amundesham, a monk of St. Albans.

The 10th and 11th volumes relate especially to the acts and proceedings of Abbots Whethamstede, Albon, and Wallingford.

The 12th volume contains a compendious History of England to the reign of Henry V., and of Normandy in early times, also by Thomas Walsingham, and dedicated to Henry V.

29. Chronicon Abbatiæ Eveshamensis, Auctoribus Dominico Priore Eveshamiæ et Thoma de Marleberge Abbate, a Fundatione ad Annum 1213, una cum Continuatione ad Annum 1418. *Edited by* the Rev. W. D. Macray, Bodleian Library, Oxford. 1863.

The Chronicle of Evesham illustrates the history of that important monastery from about 690 to 1418. Its chief feature is an autobiography, which makes us acquainted with the inner daily life of a great abbey. Interspersed are many notices of general, personal, and local history.

30. Ricardi de Cirencestria Speculum Historiale de Gestis Regum Angliæ. Vol. I., 447–871. Vol. II., 872–1066. *Edited by* John E. B. Mayor, M.A., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1863–1869.

Richard of Cirencester's history, in four books, extends from 447 to 1066. It gives many charters in favour of Westminster Abbey, and a very full account of the lives and miracles of the saints, especially of Edward the Confessor, whose reign occupies the fourth book. A treatise on the Coronation, by William of Sudbury, a monk of Westminster, fills book ii. c. 3.

31. Year Books of the Reign of Edward the First. Years 20–21, 21–22, 30–31, 32–33, and 33–35 Edw. I; and 11–12 Edw. III. *Edited and translated by* Alfred John Horwood, Barrister-at-Law. Years 12–13, 13–14, 14, 14–15, and 15, Edward III. *Edited and translated by* Luke Owen Pike, M.A., Barrister-at-Law. 1863–1891.

The "Year Books" are the earliest of our Law Reports. They contain matter not only of practical utility to lawyers in the present day, but also illustrative of almost every branch of history, while for certain philological purposes they hold a position absolutely unique.

32. Narratives of the Expulsion of the English from Normandy, 1449–1450.—Robertus Blondelli de Reductione Normanniæ: Le Recouvrement de Normendie, par Berry, Hérault du Roy: Conferences between the Ambassadors of France and England. *Edited by* the Rev. Joseph Stevenson, M.A. 1863.

33. Historia et Cartularium Monasterii S. Petri Gloucestriæ. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* W. H. Hart, F.S.A., Membre correspondant de la Société des Antiquaires de Normandie. 1863–1867.

34. Alexandri Neckam de Naturis Rerum libri duo; with Neckam's Poem, De Laudibus Divinæ Sapientiæ. *Edited by* Thomas Wright, M.A. 1863.

In the *De Naturis Rerum* are to be found what may be called the rudiments of many sciences mixed up with much error and ignorance. Neckam had his own views in morals, and in giving us a glimpse of them, as well as of his other opinions, he throws much light upon the manners, customs, and general tone of thought prevalent in the twelfth century.

35. Leechdoms, Wortcunning, and Starcraft of Early England; being a Collection of Documents illustrating the History of Science in this Country before the Norman Conquest. Vols. I., II., and III. *Collected and edited by* the Rev. T. Oswald Cockayne, M.A. 1864–1866.

36. Annales Monastici. Vol. I.:—Annales de Margan, 1066–1232; Annales de Theokesberia, 1066–1263; Annales de Burton, 1004–1263. Vol. II.:—Annales Monasterii de Wintonia, 519–1277; Annales Monasterii de Waverleia, 1–1291. Vol. III.:—Annales Prioratus de Dunstaplia, 1–1297. Annales Monasterii de Bermundeseia, 1042–1432. Vol. IV.:—Annales Monasterii de Oseneia, 1016–1347; Chronicon vulgo dictum Chronicon Thomæ Wykes, 1066–1289; Annales Prioratus de Wigornia, 1–1377. Vol. V.:—Index and Glossary. *Edited by* Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, and Registrary of the University, Cambridge. 1864–1869.

The present collection embraces chronicles compiled in religious houses in England during the thirteenth century. These distinct works are ten in number. The extreme period which they embrace ranges from the year 1 to 1432.

37. Magna Vita S. Hugonis Episcopi Lincolniensis. *Edited by* the Rev. James F. Dimock, M.A., Rector of Barnburgh, Yorkshire. 1864.

This work is valuable, not only as a biography of a celebrated ecclesiastic but as the work of a man, who, from personal knowledge, gives notices of passing events, as well as of individuals who were then taking active part in public affairs.

38. Chronicles and Memorials of the Reign of Richard the First. Vol. I.:—Itinerarium Peregrinorum et Gesta Regis Ricardi. Vol. II.:—Epistolæ Cantuarienses; the Letters of the Prior and Convent of Christ Church, Canterbury; 1187 to 1199. *Edited by* the Rev. William Stubbs, M.A., Vicar of Navestock, Essex, and Lambeth Librarian. 1864–1865.

The authorship of the Chronicle in Vol. I., hitherto ascribed to Geoffrey Vinesauf, is now more correctly ascribed to Richard, Canon of the Holy Trinity of London.

In letters in Vol. II., written between 1187 and 1199, had their origin in a dispute which arose from the attempts of Baldwin and Hubert, archbishops of Canterbury, to found a college of secular canons, a project which gave great umbrage to the monks of Canterbury.

39. Recueil des Croniques et anchiennes Istories de la Grant Bretaigne a present nomme Engleterre, par Jehan de Waurin. Vol. I. Albina to 688. Vol. II., 1399–1422. Vol. III., 1422–1431. *Edited by* William Hardy, F.S.A. 1864–1879. Vol. IV., 1431–1447. Vol. V., 1447–1471. *Edited by* Sir William Hardy, F.S.A., and Edward L. C. P. Hardy, F.S.A. 1884–1891.

40. A Collection of the Chronicles and ancient Histories of Great Britain, now called England, by John de Waurin. Vol. I., Albina to 668. Vol. II., 1399–1422. Vol. III., 1422–1431. (Translations of the preceding Vols. I., II., and III.) *Edited and translated by* Sir William Hardy, F.S.A., and Edward L. C. P. Hardy, F.S.A. 1864–1891.

41. Polychronicon Ranulphi Higden, with Trevisa's Translation. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* Churchill Babington, B.D., Senior Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge Vols. III.–IX. *Edited by* the Rev. Joseph Rawson Lumby, D.D., Norrisian Professor of Divinity, Vicar of St. Edward's, Fellow of St. Catharine's College, and late Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge. 1865–1886.

This chronicle begins with the creation, and is brought down to the reign of Edward III. It enables us to form a very fair estimate of the knowledge of history and geography which well-informed readers of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries possessed, for it was then the standard work on general history.

The two English translations, which are printed with the original Latin, afford interesting illustrations of the gradual change of our language, for one was made in the fourteenth century, the other in the fifteenth.

42. Le Livere de Reis de Brittanie e Le Livere de Reis de Engletere. *Edited by* the Rev. John Glover, M.A., Vicar of Brading, Isle of Wight, formerly Librarian of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1865.

These two treaties are valuable as careful abstracts of previous historians. Some various readings are given which are interesting to the philologist as instances of semi-Saxonised French.

43. Chronica Monasterii de Melsa ab anno 1150 usque ad annum 1406. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* Edward Augustus Bond, Assistant Keeper of Manuscripts, and Egerton Librarian, British Museum. 1866–1868.

The Abbey of Meaux was a Cistercian house, and the work of its abbot is a faithful and often minute record of the establishment of a religious community, of its progress in forming an ample revenue, of its struggles to maintain its acquisitions, and of its relations to the governing institutions of the country.

44. Matthæ Parisiensis Historia Anglorum, sive, ut vulgo dicitur, Historia Minor. Vols. I., II., and III. 1067–1253. *Edited by* Sir Frederick Madden, K.H., Keeper of the Manuscript Department of British Museum. 1866–1869.

45. Liber Monasterii de Hyda: a Chronicle and Chartulary of Hyde Abbey, Winchester, 455–1023. *Edited by* Edward Edwards. 1866.

The "Book of Hyde" is a compilation from much earlier sources which are usually indicated with considerable care and precision. In many cases, however, the Hyde

Chronicler appears to correct, to qualify, or to amplify the statements, which, in substance, he adopts.

There is to be found, in the "Book of Hyde," much information relating to the reign of King Alfred which is not known to exist elsewhere. The volume contains some curious specimens of Anglo-Saxon and mediæval English.

46. Chronicon Scotorum: a Chronicle of Irish Affairs, from the earliest times to 1135; and Supplement, containing the Events from 1141 to 1150. *Edited, with Translation, by* William Maunsell Hennessy, M.R.I.A. 1866.

47. The Chronicle of Pierre de Langtoft, in French Verse, from the earliest Period to the Death of Edward I. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* Thomas Wright, M.A. 1866–1868.

It is probable that Pierre de Langtoft was a canon of Bridlington, in Yorkshire, and lived in the reign of Edward I., and during a portion of the reign of Edward II. This chronicle is divided into three parts; in the first, is an abridgment of Geoffrey of Monmouth's "Historia Britonum;" in the second, a history of the Anglo-Saxon and Norman kings, to the death of Henry III.; in the third, a history of the reign of Edward I. The language is a curious specimen of the French of Yorkshire.

48. The War of the Gaedhil with the Gaill, or The Invasions of Ireland by the Danes and other Norsemen. *Edited, with a Translation, by* the Rev. James Henthorn Todd, D.D., Senior Fellow of Trinity College, and Regius Professor of Hebrew in the University of Dublin. 1867.

The work in its present form, in the editor's opinion, is a comparatively modern version of an ancient original. The story is told after the manner of the Scandinavian Sagas.

49. Gesta Regis Henrici Secundi Benedicti Abbatis. Chronicle of the Reigns of Henry II. and Richard I., 1169–1192, known under the name of Benedict of Peterborough. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* the Rev. William Stubbs, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, Oxford, and Lambeth Librarian. 1867.

50. Munimenta Academica, or, Documents illustrative of Academical Life and Studies at Oxford (in Two Parts). *Edited by* the Rev. Henry Anstey, M.A., Vicar of St. Wendron, Cornwall, and lately Vice-Principal of St. Mary Hall, Oxford. 1868.

51. Chronica Magistri Rogeri de Houedene. Vols. I., II., III., and IV. *Edited by* the Rev. William Stubbs, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. 1868–1871.

The earlier portion, extending from 732 to 1148, appears to be a copy of a compilation made in Northumbria about 1161, to which Hoveden added little. From 1148 to 1169—a very valuable portion of this work—the matter is derived from another source, to which Hoveden appears to have supplied little. From 1170 to 1192 is the portion which corresponds to some extent with the Chronicle known under the name of Benedict of Peterborough (*see* No. 49). From 1192 to 1201 may be said to be wholly Hoveden's work.

52. Willelmi Malmesbiriensis Monachi de Gestis Pontificum Anglorum Libri Quinque. *Edited by* N. E. S. A. Hamilton, of the Department of Manuscripts, British Museum. 1870.

53. Historic and Municipal Documents of Ireland, from the Archives of the City of Dublin, &c. 1172–1320. *Edited by* John T. Gilbert, F.S.A., Secretary of the Public Record Office of Ireland. 1870.

54. The Annals of Loch Cé. A Chronicle of Irish Affairs, from 1041 to 1590. Vols. I. and II. *Edited, with a Translation, by* William Maunsell Hennessy, M.R.I.A. 1871.

55. Monumenta Juridica. The Black Book of the Admiralty, with Appendices, Vols. I.–IV. *Edited by* Sir Travers Twiss, Q.C., D.C.L. 1871–1876.

This book contains the ancient ordinances and laws relating to the navy.

56. Memorials of the Reign of Henry VI.:—Official Correspondence of Thomas Bekynton, Secretary to Henry VI., and Bishop of Bath and Wells. *Edited by* the Rev. George Williams, B.D., Vicar of Ringwood, late Fellow of King's College, Cambridge. Vols. I. and II. 1872.

57. Matthæi Parisiensis, Monachi Sancti Albani, Chronica Majora. Vol. I. The Creation to A.D. 1066. Vol. II. A.D. 1067 to A.D. 1216. Vol. III. A.D. 1216 to A.D. 1239. Vol. IV. A.D. 1240 to A.D. 1247. Vol. V. A.D. 1248 to A.D. 1259. Vol. VI. Additamenta. Vol. VII. Index. *Edited by* the Rev. Henry Richards Luard, D.D., Fellow of Trinity College, Registrary of the University, and Vicar of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge. 1872–1884.

58. Memoriale Fratris Walteri de Coventria.—The Historical Collections of Walter of Coventry. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* the Rev. William Stubbs, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. 1872–1873.

The part relating to the first quarter of the thirteenth century is the most valuable.

59. The Anglo-Latin Satirical Poets and Epigrammatists of the Twelfth Century. Vols. I. and II. *Collected and edited by* Thomas Wright, M.A., Corresponding Member of the National Institute of France (Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres). 1872.

60. Materials for a History of the Reign of Henry VII., from original Documents preserved in the Public Record Office. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* the Rev. William Campbell, M.A., one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools. 1873–1877.

61. Historical Papers and Letters from the Northern Registers. *Edited by* the Rev. James Raine, M.A., Canon of York, and Secretary of the Surtees Society. 1873.

62. Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense. The Register of Richard de Kellawe, Lord Palatine and Bishop of Durham; 1311–1316. Vols. I.–IV. *Edited by* Sir Thomas Duffus Hardy, D.C.L., Deputy Keeper of the Records. 1873–1878.

63. Memorials of Saint Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury. *Edited by* the Rev. William Stubbs, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. 1874.

64. Chronicon Angliæ, ab Anno Domini 1328 usque ad Annum 1388, Auctore Monacho quodam Sancti Albani. *Edited by* Edward Maunde Thompson, Barrister-at-Law, Assistant Keeper of the Manuscripts in the British Museum. 1874.

65. Thómas Saga Erkibyskups. A Life of Archbishop Thomas Becket, in Icelandic. Vols. I. and II. *Edited, with English Translation, Notes, and Glossary by* M. Eiríkr Magnússon, M.A., Sub-Librarian of the University Library, Cambridge. 1875–1884.

66. Radulphi de Coggeshall Chronicon Anglicanum. *Edited by* the Rev. Joseph Stevenson, M.A. 1875.

67. Materials for the History of Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury. Vols. I.–VI. *Edited by* the Rev. James Craigie Robertson, M.A., Canon of Canterbury. 1875–1883. Vol. VII. *Edited by* Joseph Brigstocke Sheppard, LL.D. 1885.

The first volume contains the life of that celebrated man, and the miracles after his death, by William, a monk of Canterbury. The second, the life by Benedict of Peterborough; John of Salisbury; Alan of Tewkesbury; and Edward Grim. The third, the life by William Fitzstephen; and Herbert of Bosham. The fourth, anonymous lives, Quadrilogus, &c. The fifth, sixth, and seventh, the Epistles, and known letters.

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